

TOWN OF ASHLAND
NEW HAMPSHIRE
ANNUAL REPORT



2002

In Case of Emergency – call 9 1 1

Be sure to give your name and address clearly, as well as the nature of your emergency.
DO NOT HANG UP.

FOR ANSWERS ON:..... CALL THE:

Administration	Administrative Assistant	968-4432
	MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4 THURS 8:5 – 20 HIGHLAND STREET	
Assessments	Town Office	968-4432
	MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4 THURS 8:5 – 20 HIGHLAND STREET	
Building Permits	Building Inspector	968-4432
	Clerk in office Thursday at 4 PM – Inspector in office 4:30 – 5:30	
Burn Permits	Fire Station	968-7772
Dogs – Licensing	Town Clerk	968-4432
	MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4 THURS 8:5 – 20 HIGHLAND STREET	
Dogs – At Large	Police Department	968-7598
Elections	Town Clerk	968-4432
	MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4 THURS 8:5 – 20 HIGHLAND STREET	
Voter Registration	Town Clerk	968-4432
	MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4 THURS 8:5 – 20 HIGHLAND STREET	
Electric Service	Utility Office	968-3083
	MON – FRI 8-4 6 COLLINS STREET	
Health Officer	Town Office	968-4432
	MON, TUES, WED FRI 8-4 THURS 8:5 – 20 HIGHLAND STREET	
Library	Scribner Library	968-7928
	MON, TUES, THURS 2-8 – FRI 10-1 – SAT 10-2 – 41 MAIN STREET	
Vehicle Registration	Town Clerk	968-4432
	MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4 THURS 8:5 – 20 HIGHLAND STREET	
Planning Board	Town Office	968-4432
Police – Non Emergency	Police Department	968-7598
Recreation	Recreation Director	968-9209
Recycling	Recycling/Transfer Station	968-9032
	MON, WED, FRI 12-4 SAT 8-4 – 96 COLLINS STREET	
Road Maintenance	Road Agent	965-3166
School Registration	Ashland Elementary School	968-7622
	Plymouth Regional HS	536-1444
Taxes	Tax Collector	968-4432
	MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4 THURS 8:5 – 20 HIGHLAND STREET	
Vital Records	Town Clerk	968-4432
	MON, TUES, WED, FRI 8-4 THURS 8:5 – 20 HIGHLAND STREET	
Water/Sewer Service	Utility Office	968-4002
	MON – FRI 8-4 – 6 COLLINS STREET	
Waste Water Treatment Plant		968-7193
	MON-FRI 7:30-3:30 137 COLLINS STREET	
Welfare	Welfare Director	968-4432
	THURSDAY 5:30-7:30 - 20 HIGHLAND STREET	
Zoning/Land Use	Zoning Board	968-4432

Ashland Community Center – Food Pantry 968-9698
Pemi Baker Home Health Agency 536 2232

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TOWN WARRANT AND BUDGET 2003

The 2002 Annual Report for the Town of Ashland Is Dedicated to

Pauline E. Glidden



Pauline loved the town of Ashland. She was proud of the town she had lived in since her marriage to Lawson W. Glidden Sr. in 1923. They lived in the family home on Highland Street since that time and raised their family of four children and a foster daughter there. Lawson passed away in 1986.

Pauline was active in many things in town through the years – the Ernest Workers of St. Mark's Church, The Baptist Church, Eastern Star, the Beach Booster Association, The Ashland Woman's Club to which she was elected president twice, founder of the Ashland Junior Woman's club, charter member of the Ashland Historical Society and the Memorial Park committee. She was a Girl Scout Leader for over 20 years and even taught ballroom dancing back in the 1930's and 40's to high schoolers in her dining room – there are so many who remember those classes!

She enjoyed giving and her many gifts to various organizations will be remembered. The Pauline E. Glidden Toy Museum, the Railroad Restoration Museum and the Memorial Park Gazebo will remain monuments to her memory.

Pauline will be missed by many – especially her family.

Written by Shirley Splaine

BOARDS AND OFFICIALS 2002

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

JAMES A COLE	2003
NEALE BAVIS	2004
GERARD CHOUINARD	2005

TOWN ADMINISTATOR

THOMAS GAYDOS	RESIGNED
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT

ANNE ABEAR	APPOINTED
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OFFICE SECRETARY

LAURA PLUMMER

INTERIM TOWN PLANNER

ELLISON BADGER

TAX COLLECTOR

PATRICIA TUCKER

LAURA PLUMMER - DEPUTY

TOWN CLERK

PATRICIA TUCKER	2005
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LAURA PLUMMER - DEPUTY

TOWN TREASURER

LINDA GUYOTTE	2003
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LINDA EASTMAN, DEPUTY

TOWN MODERATOR

GLENN DION	2004
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TOWN TRUSTEES

EDWARD DUPUIS	2003
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RICHARD PARE	2004
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RICHARD OGDEN	2005
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LIBRARY TRUSTEES

JILL MUDGETT	2003
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ALESA REYNOLDS	2004 RESIGNED
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M. JEANNE POTERUCHA	2003 APPOINTED
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ANGELA JAQUITH	2005
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SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST

MARYANN REINHOLZ	2004
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BEVERLY OBER	2006
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DOUGLAS OBER	2008
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HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

MARK OBER - ROAD AGENT

TIMOTHY PAQUETTE

PAIGE MORRILL

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION REP

FRANK STEVENS

BUDGET COMMITTEE

VERNON MARION - RESIGNE	2005
DANIEL SULLIVAN	2005
ANN MARIE REEVER	2005
DAVID RUELL	2004
DOUGLAS OBER	2004
PAMELA OBER	2004
JOAN EVERSOLE	2004
GLENN DION	2003
GORDON MCCORMACK JR	2003
SANDRA COLEMAN	2003
JAMES GOSSE	2003
MICHELLE MARSH	2003
TERRY NEUMANN	2003

SELECTMAN NEALE BAVIS

SCHOOL BOARD HELEN KNOWLTON

SCHOOL BOARD (ALT)ANNE ABEAR

HEALTH OFFICER

CARLTON ABEAR

RUSSELL CROSS JR. - DEPUTY

FIRE DEPARTMENT OFFICERS

CHIEF N. SCOTT WEDEN

1ST DEPUTY DAVID PAQUETTE

2ND DEPUTY THOMAS STEWART

ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

LEE V. NICHOLS

NATHAN TATE

LINDA PACK - OFFICE MANAGER

WATER/SEWER DEPARTMENT

WOODARD AND CURREN

RUSSELL CROSS JR.

RICK NOBLEY

KAY MUDGETT - OFFICE

KATY BURGESS - P/T OFFICE

POLICE DEPARTMENT

CHIEF JOSEPH CHIVELL II

LT. DONALD MARREN

SGT. JOSEPH McCOMISKEY

PTRLMAN RYAN OLESON

PRTLMAN CHRISTOPHER RUSSO

PRTLMAN EDWARD J. SAMSON III

SPEC MICHAEL BERRY

SPEC CHRISTOPHER PAQUETTE

SPEC MELISSA SMIALEK

PEMI-BAKER HOME HEALTH AGENCY

GAIL LARY

ALT - CHRIS WEDEN

AT LARGE - MARY RUELL

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

MARK HORMELL	2005
ROBERT BOYLE	2005
JAMES ALBA	2005
MICHAEL LEMBO	2004
ELAINE ALLARD	2004

PLANNING BOARD

ALAN CILLEY	2005
FRANK STEVENS	2005
JEFF BELYEA	2005
ROBERT BOYLE	2005
GORDON MCCORMACK JR	2005
TRACY BLANCHARD	2005

GERARD CHOUINARD - SELECTMEN REP

PARKS AND RECREATION DIRECTOR

JESSICA BICKFORD

TOWN MECHANIC

LEE HUCKINS

ANIMAL CONTROL OFFICER

ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

MEMORIAL PARK TRUSTEES

MARY RUELL	2003
MARION MERRILL	2003
ERNEST HUTTER	2005
PHILIP PRESTON	2005

WELFARE DIRECTOR

ROBERT HICKS

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

N. SCOTT WEDEN

SCRIBNER MEMORIAL TRUSTEES

SAMUEL NORMAN	2005
RAYMOND BURKE SR	2003

BUILDING INSPECTOR

ROBERT HICKS	2005
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ELECTRIC INSPECTOR

FRANCIS MURDOCK

PLUMBING INSPECTOR

JERRY BRIDGHAM

HISTORIC COMMISSION

ROBERT HICKS	2003
MARILYN ROLLINS	2003
CLAIRE HICKS	2003

PEMI BAKER SOLID WASTE DIST.

MARK OBER	2003
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HOUSING STANDARDS BOARD

ELAINE HUGHES	2005
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GREGORY BAVIS	2005
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ELLISON BADGER	2005
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ASHLAND FIRE CHIEF

ASHLAND HEALTH OFFICER

SAFETY COMMITTEE

PAIGE MORRILL	2003
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BRAD OBER	2003
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ANNE ABEAR	2005
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DONALD MARREN	2005
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TIMOTHY PAQUETTE	2005
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GRAFTON COUNTY ECONOMIC DEV

ELLISON BADGER

DEPUTY FIRE WARDENS

GREG BAVIS - CHARLES FOUTS

STEPHEN HEATH - BRAD OBER

DAVID PAQUETTE - JEFF UHLMAN

SCOTT WEDEN - THOMAS STEWART

ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS

RAYMOND KNOWLTON	2005
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ERNEST HUTTER	2004
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GLENN DION	2003
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WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS

ROBERT BOYLE	2005
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ANN MARIE REEVER	2003
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ERNEST PAQUETTE	2004
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PARK AND RECREATION COMMITTEE

JEN ALBA - JESSICA BICKFORD

JERRY CHOUINARD - LORI CUSHING

JIM GOSSE - BARBARA SHARROW

HELEN KNOWLTON - DIANA GREEN

BRIDGE INSPECTOR

JAMES GOSSE

CONSERVATION COMMISSION

GORDON VITTM	2003
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DANIEL GOLDEN	2003
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JAMES GROVER	2003
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RUTH KNAPP	2005
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Thank you!!!

ASHLAND BOARD OF SELECTMEN - 2002

Submitted by Neale H. Bavis, James A. Cole, and Gerard R. Chouinard

We wish to thank all those who have given their time to serve on the many boards and committees in an effort to make Ashland a place to be proud to live.

During the year 2002 we saw many positive items take place:

The voters put into place the members of the newly formed Water & Sewer Commission.

The Town reached a settlement agreement with our bonding agency to recover losses in the maximum amount of \$602,000 from the misappropriation of funds from the former Town Manager.

The Town made final payments on two long standing bonds during the year 2002 those being the Landfill Closure Bond and the Sewer Lagoon Aeration Bond.

The Town brought all financials back in house to include the payroll and accounts payable and has an honest financial picture of the year 2002 and the coming year. The 2002 audit is underway and is expect to be completed by the middle of February 2003.

A reasonable labor union contract was met with the Town employees with the potential savings expected from a change in coverage provider without a loss of benefits to the employees.

Under the direction of our Highway Superintendent, Mark Ober, sections of Owl Brook Road, Sanborn Road and Wadleigh Road were rebuilt and paved, making for a much smoother ride for those residents. Also, through a grant received in the amount of \$1,000 from NH the Beautiful and Mark's efforts, the transfer station received a second baler to further the Town's efforts in making the environment safer for all through recycling.

Through the efforts of Vernon Marion and Robert Guyotte of Glidden & Guyotte Construction the Edward N. Doggett Campground was rebuilt and paved with 23 sites constructed with full service (water, sewer, electric, cable television and telephone) hookups. The bathhouse project is out to bid and will be ready for the 2003 beach and camping season.

Police Chief Joseph Chivell has brought the Ashland Police Department up to a full highly trained-staffed department and is providing the 24-hour coverage requested by the Town. Chief Chivell applied for and received grants this year to purchase equipment for the police department; money that did not have to be raised by the taxpayers.

Interim Town Planner Ellison Badger was brought on board in June of 2002 to assist the planning and zoning boards and to work with our building inspector for review of inspections and coded enforcement issues.

Parks & Recreation Director Jessica Bickford continued her outstanding creativity in offering a dynamic program for the youths of our community at a most affordable cost to the taxpayers. During the year 2002, a grant to fix the Ashland Beach was applied for and with the number of other communities who applied for the grant, Ashland was denied, but we have not given up hopes and the efforts of Jessica will continue as we will look at reapplying for the grant in the year 2003.

Town Administrator Thomas Gaydos left in July of 2002. After an unsuccessful search to fill this position the Board have taken a look at the current staffing needs of the Town Office. With some restructuring, the administration and bookkeeping are being handled by Administrative Assistant Anne Abear with the support of Laura Plummer, secretary and Patricia Tucker, Town Clerk/Tax Collector. We find entering the Town Office that the atmosphere has changed and a team effort is displayed by all.

The Town Fire Department under the direction of the Chief N. Scott Weden has implemented an on call coverage for medical calls in the evening and will be discussing the possibility of providing a full ambulatory service to Ashland residents in the year 2004.

As we reminisce about these accomplishments and changes, we are proud to say how successful the Town has faired under the conditions they faced. We are very thankful to each and every Town of Ashland employee and thank them for all their efforts.

As we look forward to the year 2003, we encourage all residents of the community to get involved in the Town and support the efforts of the Board. We ask that you continue to offer your words of constructive criticism and make an effort to attend our meetings.

**MINUTES OF THE
ASHLAND TOWN MEETING DELIBERATIVE SESSION
ASHLAND SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
FEBRUARY 2, 2002**

The Deliberative Session of the Ashland Town Meeting was called to order at 1:05 PM by Moderator James Gosse.

Article 1:

To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable general trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a to be known as the Employee Disability Payment Fund for the purpose of paying short and long term disability claims suffered by Town employees and to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand three hundred dollars (\$7,300) to be placed into this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen, Tom E. Peters, III read this article. Discussions took place with no amendments made. Article 1 will appear on the official ballot as written.

Article 2:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a Highway Truck including plow, wing, and dump body, and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to be placed into this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Moderator James Gosse read this article. Discussions took place with no amendments made. Article 2 will appear on the official ballot as written.

Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the date of August 1 as the filing date for elderly exemption from the property tax. (Majority vote required).

Moderator James Gosse read this article. Discussion took place with no amendments made. Article 3 will appear on the official ballot as written.

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to purchase new computers and accompanying software and hardware for town offices and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty one thousand three hundred twelve dollars (\$21,312) for this purpose. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Moderator James Gosse read this article. Discussion took place with no amendments made. Article 4 will appear on the official ballot as written.

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Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 5 year lease agreement for the purpose of acquiring fire protective clothing for members of the fire department and to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand five hundred thirty five dollars (\$6,535) which represents the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. The Board of Selectmen recommends this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

Fire Chief N. Scott Weden read this article. Discussion took place with no amendments made. Article 5 will appear on the official ballot as written.

Article 6:

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$5,644,768. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$6,222,498 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of revised operating budget only. The Ashland Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority Vote Required).

Budget Committee Chairman David Ruell read this article. Discussion took place with no amendments made. Article 6 will appear on the official ballot as written.

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its Boards, Commissioners, Committees and Officers for the year 2001 subject to corrections of errors when and if found. (Majority Vote Required).

Moderator James Gosse read this article. Discussion took place with no amendments made. Article 7 will appear on the official ballot as written.

Article 8:

To choose all of the following officers for the year ensuing:

- (a) One member of the Board of Selectmen for 3 years
- (b) One Town Clerk for 3 years
- (c) One Town Treasurer for 1 year
- (d) One Town Moderator for 2 years
- (e) One Town Trustee for 3 years
- (f) Supervisor of the Checklist for 6 years
- (g) Supervisor of the Checklist for 2 years
- (h) Library Trustee for 3 years
- (i) Electric Commissioner for 3 years
- (j) Water & Sewer Commissioner for 3 years

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- (k) Water & Sewer Commissioner for 2 years
- (l) Water & Sewer Commissioner for 1 year
- (m) Four Budget Committee Members for 3 years

Moderator James Gosse read this article. Discussions took place with no amendments made. Article 8 will appear on the ballot.

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of property taxes and authorize the Tax Collector to accept such prepayment as provided by RSA 80:52-a. (Majority Vote Required)

Moderator James Gosse read this article. Discussions took place with no amendments made. Article 9 will appear on the ballot as written.

Article 10:

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Chairman of the Board of Selectmen Tom E. Peters discussed the insurance claim stating the insurance company will be meeting with the Board of Selectmen and Town counsel by the end of the February 2002. The loss to the Town at this time is an estimated \$1,400,000 according to the auditor.

Moderator James Gosse adjourned the meeting at 1:47 p.m.

Anne M. Abear
Anne M. Abear
Ashland Deputy Town Clerk

OFFICIAL BALLOT
2002 ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2002

Patrice Tute
 Town Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

ARTICLES

Article 1:

To see if the Town will vote to establish an expendable general trust fund under the provisions of RSA 31:19-a to be known as the Employee Disability Payment Fund for the purpose of paying short and long term disability claims suffered by Town employees and to raise and appropriate the sum of seven thousand three hundred dollars (\$7,300) to be placed into this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

YES 253
 NO 86

Article 2:

To see if the Town will vote to establish a Capital Reserve Fund under the provisions of RSA 35:1 for the purpose of purchasing a Highway Truck including plow, wing, and dump body, and to raise and appropriate the sum of forty five thousand dollars (\$45,000) to be placed into this fund, and to designate the Board of Selectmen as agents to expend. The Board of Selectmen recommend this appropriation. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

YES 255
 NO 83

Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to adopt the date of August 1 as the filing date for elderly exemption from the property tax. (Majority vote required).

YES 300
 NO 37

Article 4:

To see if the Town will vote to purchase new computers and accompanying software and hardware for the town offices and to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty one thousand three hundred twelve dollars (\$21,312) for this purpose. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

YES 207
 NO 131

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 5 year lease agreement for the purpose of acquiring fire protective clothing for members of the fire department and to raise and appropriate the sum of six thousand five hundred thirty five dollars (\$6,535) which represents the first year's payment for that purpose. This lease agreement contains an escape clause. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority vote required).

YES 288
 NO 52

Article 6:

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$5,644,768. Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$6,222,498 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. The Ashland Budget Committee recommends this article. (Majority Vote Required).

YES 294
 NO 46

Article 7:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its Boards, Commissioners, Committees and Officers for the year 2001 subject to corrections of errors when and if found. (Majority Vote Required).

YES 314
 NO 21

TURN BALLOT OVER AND CONTINUE VOTING

Article 8:

To choose all of the following officers for the year ensuing:

TOWN OFFICERS		TOWN OFFICERS		ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT	
BOARD OF SELECTMEN		ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER		SCHOOL DISTRICT CLERK	
Three Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE	Three Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE	One Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE
GERARD "JERRY" CHOUINARD	162	RAYMOND L. KNOWLTON	296	PATRICIA TUCKER	302
JAMES GOSSE	156	(Write-In)	(Write-In)	(Write-In)	(Write-In)
(Write-In)	(Write-In)				
TOWN CLERK		WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONER		SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER	
Three Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE	Three Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE	One Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE
PATRICIA TUCKER	312	NEALE H. BAVIS	145	LINDA D. GUYOTTE	309
(Write-In)	(Write-In)	ROBERT A. BOYLE	183	(Write-In)	(Write-In)
(Write-In)	(Write-In)	(Write-In)	(Write-In)		
TOWN TREASURER		WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONER		SCHOOL DISTRICT MODERATOR	
One Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE	Two Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE	One Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE
LINDA D. GUYOTTE	317	JAMES COLE	103	(Write-In)	(Write-In)
(Write-In)	(Write-In)	ERNEST A. PAQUETTE	225		
(Write-In)	(Write-In)	(Write-In)	(Write-In)		
TOWN MODERATOR		WATER AND SEWER COMMISSIONER		PEMI BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT	
Two Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE	One Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE	ASHLAND	
(Write-In)	(Write-In)	LEE C. BAVIS	129	Three Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE
		ANN MARIE REEVER	204	ANN REEVER	288
		(Write-In)	(Write-In)	(Write-In)	(Write-In)
TOWN TRUSTEE		BUDGET COMMITTEE		CAMPTON	
Three Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE	One Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE	Three Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE
RICHARD E. OGDEN	284	ANN MARIE REEVER	240	FRED ANDERSON	197
(Write-In)	(Write-In)	DANIEL J. SULLIVAN	215	(Write-In)	(Write-In)
(Write-In)	(Write-In)	Vern Marion	5 (Write-In)		
		Jeff Uhlman	4 (Write-In)		
		(Write-In)	(Write-In)		
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST		ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT		HOLDERNESS	
Six Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE	Three Year Term	Vote for not more than Four	Three Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE
DOUGLAS F. OBER	304	ANN MARIE REEVER	240	ROSS DEACHMAN	216
(Write-In)	(Write-In)	DANIEL J. SULLIVAN	215	(Write-In)	(Write-In)
(Write-In)	(Write-In)	Vern Marion	5 (Write-In)		
		Jeff Uhlman	4 (Write-In)		
		(Write-In)	(Write-In)		
SUPERVISORS OF THE CHECKLIST		SCHOOL BOARD		HOLDERNESS	
Two Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE	Three Year Term	Vote for not more than TWO	Two Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE
MARYANN REINHOLZ	292	ANNE ABEAR	152	JEFF MCIVER	201
(Write-In)	(Write-In)	CAROLINE BOYLE	124	(Write-In)	(Write-In)
		GLENN DION	148		
		HELEN KNOWLTON	202		
		(Write-In)	(Write-In)		
LIBRARY TRUSTEE				PLYMOUTH	
Three Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE			Three Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE
ANGELA JAQUITH	297			KATHY RINGLEIN	99
(Write-In)	(Write-In)			JOHN WOOD, JR.	104
				(Write-In)	(Write-In)
				GO TO NEXT BALLOT AND CONTINUE VOTING	

OFFICIAL BALLOT
2002 ANNUAL TOWN AND SCHOOL DISTRICT ELECTION
ASHLAND, NEW HAMPSHIRE
MARCH 12, 2002

Patrice Teller
 Town Clerk

INSTRUCTIONS TO VOTERS

- A. TO VOTE, completely fill in the OVAL to the RIGHT of your choice (s) like this:
- B. Follow directions as to the number of candidates to be marked for each office.
- C. To vote for a person whose name is not printed on the ballot, write the candidate's name on the line provided and completely fill in the OVAL.

PEMI BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

PLYMOUTH		RUMNEY		MODERATOR	
Two Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE	Three Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE	Two Year Term	Vote for not more than ONE
KEN SUTHERLAND, JR.	29	GREG TURMELLE	114	QUENTIN BLAIN	210
PATRICE SCOTT	77	ARTHUR MORRILL	101	(Write-In)	
CHRISTOPHER MONGEON	30		(Write-In)		
(Write-In)					

Article 9:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of property taxes and authorize the Tax Collector to YES 206
 accept such prepayment as provided by RSA 80:52-a. (Majority Vote Required) NO 35

PEMI-BAKER REGIONAL SCHOOL DISTRICT ARTICLES

Article 1: Shall the School District authorize the School Board to negotiate and execute such tuition contracts as the board may determine advisable for students inside or outside the Pemi-Baker Regional School District? The YES 267
 School Board recommends this article. NO 46

Article 2: Shall the School District vote to establish a contingency fund in accordance with Revised Statutes Annotated 198:4-b, such contingency fund to meet the cost of unanticipated expenses that may arise during the year and, further, shall the District raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five thousand dollars (\$25,000) for such contingency fund? The School Board recommends this appropriation. YES 216
 NO 99

Article 3: Shall the School District vote to authorize and empower the School Board to borrow up to two hundred ninety thousand dollars (\$290,000) representing a portion of the State of New Hampshire's share of special education costs for the 2002-2003 school year, pursuant to RSA 198:20-d upon such terms and conditions as the School Board determines in the best interests of the District; said sum together with the costs of borrowing to be repaid by the State of New Hampshire pursuant to RSA 198:20-d; or to take any action in relation thereto? The School Board recommends this appropriation. YES 222
 NO 92

Article 4: Shall the School District vote to raise and appropriate the sum of five thousand dollars (\$5,000) to contract with an engineering firm to develop a land survey, do necessary borings and engineering and to develop cost estimates for the construction of a soccer field and a track on land owned by the School District? The School Board recommends this article. YES 200
 NO 115

Article 5: Shall the Pemi-Baker Regional School District raise and appropriate as an operating budget, not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amounts set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$11,899,252 (eleven million eight hundred ninety-nine thousand two hundred fifty-two dollars)? This sum excludes the sums in warrant articles 2, and 4. The Board recommends this article. YES 211
 NO 100

(Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$11,754,214 (eleven million seven hundred fifty-four thousand two hundred fourteen dollars), which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Pemi-Baker Regional School District or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI, to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only.)

YOU HAVE NOW COMPLETED VOTING

MARCH 12, 2002 - WRITE IN VOTES

BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Brian A. Smith	1	Ron Niles	1	Ed Brown	1
Dan Uhlman	1	Scott Weden	3	Ed Dupuis	1
James Sutkus	1	Tom Peters	4	Ernie Paquette	2
Neale Bavis	1	Tom Stewart	1	Fran McNamara	1
Tom Peters	2	Vern Marion	1	Glenn Dion	1
Vern Marion	4	Woody Laverack	2	Gordon McCormack Jr.	1
TOWN CLERK		TOWN TRUSTEE		Greg Bavis	1
Anne Abear	1	Ed Dupuis	2	Helen Knowlton	1
F. McNamara	1	Glenn Dion	1	James Cole	1
Kelly Avery	1	Terry Fouts	1	James Gosse	1
Linda Eastman	1	SUPERVISOR OF CHECKLIST - 6YR			Jeff Hidayk
Robin Brunt	1	Kathleen Burgess	1	Jeff Uhlman	4
TOWN TREASURER		SUPERVISOR OF CHECK LIST -2YR		Jen Hughes	1
Linda Pack	1	Joyce Grier	1	Jesus	1
Roy Johnk	1	Eric Baker	1	Jill Mudgett	2
TOWN MODERATOR		LIBRARY TRUSTEE		Karen Nichols	1
Alan Cilley	3	Alesia Reynolds	1	Katy Burgess	1
Brian Chalmers	1	Alice Staples	3	Kendall Hughes	1
Brian Ray	1	Katy Burgess	1	Kevin Stack	1
Caroline Gosse	2	ELECTRIC COMMISSIONER			Lee Bavis
Craig Moore	1	Brad Ober	1	Michael Eyleth	1
Daniel Vaughn	1	Ernie Paquette	1	Mike Bridges	1
David Ruell	1	WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONER - 3YR			Mike Lembo
Ed Brown	3	Lee Bavis	1	Mjr. Stovall	1
Eric Baker	1	WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONER - 2YR			Ray Poiras
Ernie Gilman	1	Bob Boyle	1	Richard Farrell	1
Glenn Bricker	1	Richard Burgess	1	Richard Pare	1
Glenn Dion	34	Tom Peters	1	Robert Tucker	1
Helen Knowlton	1	Vern Marion	1	Roy Johnk	1
James Cole	1	BUDGET COMMITTEE			Scott Weden
Jim Gosse	5	Anna C. Gosse	1	Steve Murdock	1
John Hughes	1	Brad Ober	2	Terry Fouts	1
Ken Hughes	1	Chris Weden	2	Tom Peters	3
Pat Tucker	1	Col. Gately	1	Tom Winn	2
Philip Preston	3	Dan Uhlman	2	Vernon Marion	5
R. Ogden	1	David Marsh	1	Woody Laverack	1



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NEW HAMPSHIRE STATE PRIMARY SEPTEMBER 10, 2002

The polls were opened at 8:00 AM by Moderator Glenn Dion. Election officials present were Moderator Glenn Dion, Town Clerk Patricia Tucker, Supervisors of the Checklist Beverly Ober, Douglas Ober, Maryanne Reinholtz, Ballot Clerks Margaret Duguay, Marjorie Knowlton, David Ruell, Gerard Chouinard.

The absentee ballots were cast at 1:00 PM.

The polls remained open until declared closed at 7:00 PM. The following residents were sworn in as ballot counters – Anne Abear, Robert Boyle, Ellison Badger, Mardean Badger, Jeffrey Belyea, Daniel Golden and Alan Cilley.

Patricia Tucker
Ashland Town Clerk
September 10, 2002

ELECTION RESULTS - STATE PRIMARY - SEPTEMBER 10, 2002 - WRITE INS			
REPUBLICAN		DEMOCRATIC	
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS		GOVERNOR	
HELEN KNOWLTON	1	CRAIG BENSON	1
MARY RUELL	1	BRUCE KEOUGH	1
EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR		JOE HAAS	1
MARY RUELL	1	UNITED STATES SENATOR	
STATE SENATOR		JOHN SUNUNU	2
WAYNE BURROWS	1	SID LOVETT	1
A.D. JOHNSON	1	REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	
MARY RUELL	1	MARY RUELL	1
SID LOVETT	2	CHARLES BASS	1
JOHN MICKELBORO	1	EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR	
STATE REPRESENTATIVE		RAYMOND BURTON	8
LEE NICHOLS	1	STATE REPRESENTATIVE	
MARY RUELL	9	ANDREW DORSETT	1
KENDALL HUGHES	1	GORDON MCCORMACK JR	1
FRAN WENDELBOE	1	AUDREY DUNKLEE JOHNSON	1
EDWARD DUPUIS	1	SHERIFF	
DELEGATE TO THE STATE CONVENTION		AL LASSARD	1
RUTH KNAPP	1	CHARLES BARRY	1
NORMA COLE	4	DEAN MCKINNON	1
ANN REEVER	1	COUNTY ATTORNEY	
MIKE BRIDGES	1	BRIAN RAY	1
ANDREW DORSETT	2	GERARD BOYLE	1
ED DUPUIS	1	ST. PIERRE	1
WAYNE BURROWS	1	ST. HILLAIRE	2
JON McNAMARA	1	COUNTY TREASURER	
MARY RUELL	4	CAROL ELLIOTT	4
FRANCES TAYLOR	1	DAVID RUELL	1
JOHN HUGHES	1	REGISTER OF DEEDS	
TOM PETERS	2	CAROL ELLIOTT	2
ROBERT KINGSBURY	1	TOM WINN	1
RICHARD KIRBY	1	JOEL DUPUIS	1
DAVID RUELL	1	REGISTER OF PROBATE	
GLENN DION	1	GORDON MCCORMACK JR	1
KENDALL B. HUGHES	1	REBECCA WYMAN	1
SHERIFF		COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
JOHN SHEPARD	1	STEVE PANAGOULIS	1
MARY RUELL	1	RAY BURTON	1
COUNTY ATTORNEY		VOTES CAST WITH FIRST NAMES ONLY AND FICTIONAL NAMES ARE NOT INCLUDED	
GEORGE WALDREN	1		
KEN ANDERSON	2		
REGISTER OF DEEDS			
GLENN DION	1		
REGISTER OF PROBATE			
GLENN DION	1		
COUNTY COMMISSIONER			
GLENN DION	1		

RESULTS OF STATE PRIMARY - SEPTEMBER 10, 2002			
REPUBLICAN		DEMOCRATIC	
GOVERNOR			GOVERNOR
CRAIG BENSON	124	BEV HOLLINGWORTH	40
JOSEPH S. HAAS	1	MARK FERNALD	50
GORDON J. HUMPHREY	69	UNITED STATES SENATOR	
BRUCE KEOUGH	70	JEANNE SHAHEEN	80
ROBERT KINGSBURY	3	REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS	
ROBERT HOWARD KROEPEL	3	KATRINA SWETT	77
UNITED STATE SENATOR		NORMAN H. "NH" JACKMAN	15
BOB SMITH	130	STATE REPRESENTATIVE	
KENNETH SCOT STREMISKY	7	MARY RUELL	81
JOHN E SUNUNU	132	FRANCES L.H. TAYLOR	32
REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS		STATE SENATOR	
EUGENE DOUGLASS	31	LYNN RUDMIN CHONG	24
CHARLES BASS	224	SID LOVETT	66
EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR		EXECUTIVE COUNCILOR	
RAYMOND BURTON	236		
SHERIFF		SHERIFF	
CHARLES E. BARRY	218		
COUNTY ATTORNEY		COUNTY ATTORNEY	
RICHARDO "RICK" ST. HILAIRE	208		
COUNTY TREASURER		COUNTY TREASURER	
CAROL ELLIOTT	225		
REGISTER OF DEEDS		REGISTER OF DEEDS	
JOEL A. DUPUIS	216		
REGISTER OF PROBATE		REGISTER OF PROBATE	
REBECCA R. WYMAN	214		
COUNTY COMMISSIONER		COUNTY COMMISSIONER	
STEVE S. PANAGOULIS	219		
STATE REPRESENTATIVE			
ANDREW L. DORSETT	136		
MARGIE MAYBECK	142		
BURTON W. WILLIAMS	156		
STATE SENATOR		REGISTERED VOTERS ON CHECKLIST	990
PAUL NAGY	25	NEW REGISTRANTS ON 9/10/02	17
RICHARD S. BROTHERS	121	TOTAL	1007
CARL JOHNSON	79	NUMBER OF VOTES CAST	375
		PERCENTAGE OF VOTE	37%
		REPUBLICAN VOTES CAST	273
		DEMOCRATIC VOTES CAST	102

GENERAL ELECTION

NOVEMBER 5, 2002

To the inhabitants of the Town of Ashland in the County of Grafton, New Hampshire: You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland School Gymnasium at 27 Highland Street on Tuesday, the fifth day of November, 2002. The polls will be open between the hours of 8:00 AM and 7:00 PM to act upon the following subjects:

To bring in your votes for governor, United States Senator, United States Representative, Executive Councilor, State Senator, State Representatives and County Officers.

To bring in your votes on a Question Relating to a Constitutional Amendment as proposed by the 2002 general court/

To bring in your votes on a Question Proposed pursuant to Part II, Article 100 of the New Hampshire Constitution.

Given under our hands and seal, this sixteenth day of October, in the year of our Lord two thousand and two.

*Neale H. Bavis
James A. Cole
Gerard R. Chouinard
Selectmen of Ashland*

The polls were declared open at 8:00 AM by Moderator Glenn Dion. Election officials present were Moderator Glenn Dion; Town Clerk Patricia Tucker; Supervisors of the Checklist Maryann Reinholtz, Douglas Ober, Beverly Ober; Ballot Clerks Josephine Brown, Nancy Russell, Eleanor Lyford, David Ruell. The polls were closed at 7:00 PM, ballot counter Ellison Badger and Mardean Badger were sworn in.

Election Results:

For Governor

Craig Benson	470
Mark Fernald	185
John J. Babiarz	20

For United State Senator

John E. Sununu	392
Jeanne Shaheen	269
Ken Blevens	19

For Representative in Congress

Charles Bass	443
Katrina Swett	218
Rosalie T. Babiarz	17

For Executive Councilor

Raymond Burton	604
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For State Senator

Carl Johnson	365
Sid Lovett	299

For State Representatives

Andrew Dorsett	351
Margie Maybeck	306
Burton Williams	304
Mary W. Ruell	344
Frances L.H. Taylor	216

For Sheriff

Charles Barry	584
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For County Attorney

Ricardo St. Hilaire	568
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For County Treasurer

Carol Elliott	590
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Ford Register of Deeds

Joel Dupuis	569
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For Register of Probate

Rebecca R. Wyman	572
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For County Commissioner

Steve Panagoulis	496
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Question relating to a constitutional

Amendment proposed by the 2002 General

Court – Are you in favor of amending article 73-a of the second part of the constitution to read as follows: [Art] 73-a. [Supreme Court Administration] The chief justice of the supreme court shall be the administrative head of all the courts. The chief justice shall, with the concurrence of a majority of the supreme court justices, have the power by rule to regulate the security and administration of, and the practice, procedure, and rules of evidence in, all courts in the state. The rules so adopted shall have the force and effect of law. The general court may also regulate these matters by statute provided that the general court shall have no authority to abridge the necessary adjudicatory functions for which the courts were created. In the even of a conflict between a statute and a rule, the statute shall supersede the rule, if not contrary to the provisions of the constitution. (Passed by the NH House 290 yes 48 no; Passed by State Senate 16 yes 7 no) CACR 5

Yes 343 No 205

Question proposed pursuant to Part II, Article 100 of the New Hampshire Constitution – Shall there be a convention to amend or revise the constitution?

Yes 264 No 306

Patricia Tucker, Town Clerk

Statistics for November 5, 2002 Election

Registered Republicans on Checklist	440
Registered Democrats on Checklist	206
Registered Undeclared on Checklist	384
Number of Election Day Registrations	54
Number of Ballots Cast	691
Percentage of voters that voted	67%

ASHLAND ELECTRIC DEPARTMENT

*Submitted by Commissioners Glenn Dion, Ernest Hutter, Raymond Knowlton,
Superintendent Lee Nichols*

The year 2002 has been busy with more changes for Ashland Electric Department. In January, the Electric Department's accounts payable were moved from Town Hall to the Utility Office. This move allowed us to get a better handle on the finances of the department, thus, allowing not one (1) but two (2) rate reductions during the early part of the year. Currently we are in negotiations to purchase power starting in 2004.

As many of you have observed, our street lighting program is almost complete. Two (2) main reasons for this program are better lighting for less operating cost and removing the environmentally hazardous mercury bulbs from your system.

The Board of Selectmen approached us about the serious condition of the Electric Department's garage floor. Working together, a major portion of the floor was replaced with the Electric Department fronting the monies involved. The Selectmen agreed to pay 50% of the cost in 2003. On a smaller scale, the Utility Office has been renovated to better serve your needs.

The Commissioners have received petitions from residents on North Ashland Road, Route 175 and Wadleigh Road to purchase and serve these areas. We are seriously looking at, and taking steps, for this to possibly become a reality.

We are continuing our tree trimming, as foliage can be a problem. Some other work on our delivery system includes seven (7) new meter sets, eight (8) poles set, five hundred twenty five (525) feet of secondary wire and four hundred fourteen (414) feet of primary wire.

All involved remain dedicated to giving the continuity of service and the lowest possible rates to you, our customers and fellow Ashland Citizens.

ASHLAND HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT TRANSFER/RECYCLING CENTER

Submitted by Mark W. Ober, Road Agent

The year of 2002 was a very productive year. The following road projects were completed this year – 1600 feet of Owl Brook Road, 1800 feet of Sanborn Road and 900 of Wadleigh Road.

A water and sewer project was completed on North Avenue, which includes a newly paved road, thanks to the Water and Sewer Department.

Next year I am proposing that the Town of Ashland bond \$400,000 to do road construction of eight to ten roads. Payment of this bond would be paid primarily by the money that we received from the State Highway Block Grant.

Yearly maintenance projects were done throughout the year. We also assisted other departments in some of their projects.

A big thanks goes to all town employees for their help during the year.

The transfer station has processed 824 tons of household rubbish and 228 tons of construction and demolition materials as of November 30, 2002. The recycling center handled 232 tons of recycling material for savings to the town of \$19,341.

We have added paper (anything that rips) (newspapers and magazines are separate) to our recycling program. The paper can be whole or shredded. You will find a receptacle in the building for this material.

I would like to remind the taxpayers and residents that the more you recycle the less tonnage you have in rubbish you have to pay for.

WOODARD & CURRAN

WASTE WATER TREATMENT PLANT

Submitted by Russell Cross Jr. Plant Manager

It has been a successful and busy year for the water and wastewater departments.

Many improvements have been made at both the water and wastewater facilities. At the wastewater treatment plant an extensive amount of painting has been completed both inside and out, the chlorine system has been rebuilt and many other small repairs have also been completed. The wastewater plant has met all permit requirements for 2002. The water plant has had two chemical feed pumps replaced and an extensive amount of work done to the computer SCADA system.

The water distribution system has been functioning well, with the exception of a few areas of town that still have older piping in place. The system was completely flushed in late May.

The wastewater collection system has been inspected and flushed in many areas of town. There were many repairs made this year to both the mains and service lines due to roots.

We would like to thank all of our customers for their patience and cooperation during the past year as we continue to make improvements to the water and wastewater systems.

ASHLAND WATER AND SEWER DEPARTMENT – 2002

Submitted by Commissioners Robert A. Boyle, Ernest Paquette, Ann Marie Reever

North Avenue:

Construction on the North Avenue project was started prior to the commissioners being elected. Many items had not been completed. A signed contract had not been negotiated. The new sewer line had to be tested; the manholes brought up to grade, and residue from the construction cleared away from residents' property. We hired the Highway Department to clean the properties, and had the road shoulders graded. Woodard and Curran raised the manholes, and E.J. Prescott tested the sewer line. Porter Paving was hired to asphalt North Avenue. The project has now been completed.

West Street:

A new 2" water line had to be put in from West Street at the Inn, to the new storage buildings. This included a new connection to the Benjamin property. The line we replaced was in very poor condition.

River Street Project:

When the former Town Administrator departed, most of the project was completed. Still to be done was the installation of one (1) sewer grinder pump and connections of eight (8) sewer lines, and three (3) water lines. High groundwater levels at that time precluded making needed connections. The Sewer Pump Stations fiberglass covers were not acceptable due to being twisted during installation. The Cover Company made acceptable repairs. The Company gave us two (2) extra years of warranty on the covers.

This project came in under bid and allowed us to make a request to use the remaining funds to replace a broken thirty (30) year old sewer line on Riverside Drive.

Jackson Pond Dam:

The Commissioners believe the Town of Ashland does not have positive use for the utility and land in New Hampton. We encourage the Town to allow us to make a satisfactory disposition of this property. We pay taxes, have upkeep and maintenance, pay insurance, plus the added liability of this old utility. Previously the Town had contact with the New Hampton Conservation Commission, who expressed an interest in having this area. We have also talked with the New Hampton Conservation Commission, and they are still interested. The State required us to have an inspection on the Dam to ascertain its condition, and we are waiting for the report to be finished.

Avery Property:

The Commissioners found the Avery Property land swap (well site) for the right of way to our well Pump House was not completed. We completed the procedures to record the plat and we are waiting for legal completion of said right of way.

Water Tariff:

The tariff needed an update to correct typos, some nomenclature, and simplification of wording. Second round approval by the Commission should be completed in January 2003. A public hearing will be held for the Town to give their input, and changes will be made if necessary. When the final document is finished and approved, the Commissioners will start on the Sewer Ordinance to update it.

Needed Repairs:

The Commissioners are gathering information for the purpose of replacing bad water piping and installing sewer piping as needed.

Sewer Plant

The plant is in good shape. Woodard and Curran (Rusty and Rick) have made improvements to the plant over the last two years. Problems are much more infrequent and with regular maintenance being performed, less time and monies are needed to maintain the plant.

Woodard and Curren have returned money to us not spent on upkeep.

Water Pumping Station

The water pump building system has had some replacement parts installed with upgrading done to preclude further problems in the same places. The general overall condition is improving and we are hoping for fewer problems this year.

We believe our financial condition is in decent shape and is slowly approaching where we would like it to be. Due to L.W. Packard having a major downsizing from last year, we have seen a large downturn in our revenues. We believe we should wait until we have sufficient information before we change the status quo. After things stabilize, that is the time we will assess our situation and act accordingly.

ASHLAND HISTORIC COMMISSION

2002

Submitted by Commissioners Robert Hicks, Claire Hicks, Marilyn Rollins

Ashland provides funds for the preservation of our historic, abandoned cemeteries, for clean up and minor repairs at seven locations. This project is completed in preparation for our Memorial Day visitors. These cemeteries are one of Ashland's greatest historic assets.

The following are the seven locations that we are responsible for. Additional information can be found on the Ashland Historic Commission and Genealogy web site –

<http://www.geocities.com/Athens/Acropolis/6447/ashland.htm>

1. The Church Hill Cemetery located several hundred feet off Route 175
2. Ruben Whitten Cemetery - Highland Street – maintained by property owner
3. Hicks Hill Cemetery – Hicks Hill Road
4. The Mooney Cemetery – Thompson Street – maintained by property owner
5. Owl Brook Cemetery – Owl Brook Road
6. Baker Cemetery – Off Harold Avery Road – maintained by property owner
7. Howe-Clark Cemetery – Leavitt Hill Road

Since 1988 the Ashland Genealogy Society has encouraged public use of their genealogy files available at the Ashland Town Library.

ASHLAND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Submitted by David Ruell

A major concern of the Ashland Historical Society in 2002, as in the past few years, was the preservation of the old Elementary School. In 2001, the school district voters approved the sale of the building to Tri County Community Action Program (TCCAP) to house a Headstart classroom and other educational and community service programs. We were greatly disappointed in December of 2001 when the School Board rejected the purchase and sales agreement that had been proposed by TCCAP. We obtained legal advice that a more comprehensive warrant article instructing school officials to sell the building and a specific piece of land to TCCAP would be binding on the School Board. Accordingly, a rather detailed warrant article was drafted by our attorney in consultation with TCCAP and Historical Society members. We easily obtained the voters' signatures required to place the article by petition in the school district meeting warrant. The issue was well publicized in the local newspapers. The Society mailed a newsletter to everyone in town, so that the voters could be informed of the issue. Many voters were also reminded of the meeting by phone. A display and handouts were presented at the meeting. After some clarifying amendments and a thorough discussion, the voters overwhelmingly approved the warrant article.

The warrant article gave school officials 180 days to prepare the necessary documents for the sale. In September, the School Board presented to TCCAP a purchase and sales agreement that differed from the warrant article in some significant aspects, such as the boundaries of the land to be sold. As this report was being written, TCCAP was preparing a counter proposal. We hope that an agreement can be successfully negotiated. The Historical Society remains committed to doing whatever is needed to insure the preservation of this historic and architectural landmark.

We continued to operate our three museums, which requires a significant amount of work from our volunteers. A special committee has been at work for months cataloging the contents of the Whipple House Museum. The annual Young Ladies Tea was held at the Glidden Toy Museum in July. The Ashland Historical Society joined with the historical societies of Andover, Gorham, Raymond and Sandown, all of whom operate museums in former railroad stations, to write and print a brochure for our five museums. Jim Hodsdon of our Society did much of the work of preparing the brochure for the printers. The brochures have been distributed throughout the state, with particular emphasis on those places frequented by railfans. We again hosted Councilor Ray Burton's annual fall train ride at the station. The Society was honored by an award from the N.H. Preservation Alliance for the restoration of the Railroad Station.

The Society sponsored several historical programs that were free to the public. Local topics included the history of the Asquam Transportation Company, the steamboats that once sailed up the Squam River and around the lakes, and the mailboat service on the Squam Lakes, as well as the disasters of 1902, the train wreck on the Bridgewater-Ashland bridge and the breaching of the Squam Lake dam. Donald Bump photographed many of our local postcards for a slide show of Ashland postcards. J.P. Fahey, author of a book on the 12th New Hampshire Regiment, spoke on the history of that Civil War infantry regiment, which was raised largely in this area. We also had programs on the history of the Hubble Space Telescope and the development of the ballad. The Boston Post Cane, now is the care of the Society, was awarded to Mary Elizabeth "Libby" Small, our oldest citizen, at a special ceremony at her home in September.

Financing our museums and programs is a constant task. We appreciate the donations that we have received from individuals and foundations for our work. The annual summer Flea Market had been a mainstay of our fundraising for three decades, but in recent years the profit from the event has been declining. So we replaced it this year with a lobster clambake in

Memorial Park. Catered by the Common Man Restaurant, the dinner proved a success both gastronomically and financially. The Ashland Garden Club decorated the Whipple House Museum and Glidden Toy Museum for a Victorian Christmas for the first two weekends in November. Admission was shared by the Garden Club and the Historical Society, with the Society also sponsoring a raffle of gift certificates to area restaurants. We sold copies of the new historical picture book "Around Squam Lake" by Bruce Heald. The Glidden Toy Museum sponsored a doll house show at its museum and the Whipple House in July. The Railroad Station Museum profited from a ham and bean supper in May, fall foliage train rides in October, and a turkey dinner train ride (in cooperation with the Dupuis Cross Post #15 of the American Legion) in November. The model railroad show, in its third year, became more of a regional event, being held this June in the former Plymouth railroad station, now the area senior center.

The Historical Society joined with several other local non-profit groups to discuss creating an umbrella organization for cooperation among the groups. Articles of agreement and bylaws have been drafted for this new organization, which would be known as the Community Council of Ashland. The first joint effort has been the publication of a community calendar of events, which has been distributed in the utility bills. The group is also considering a community website.

The Historical Society was saddened this year by two deaths. Maureen Eyleth was a longtime officer, and a very active and enthusiastic member who is greatly missed. Pauline Glidden, one of our charter members, has supported the Society in countless ways since its very beginnings. Her greatest gift was the donation of her antique toy collection and the building to house it. The Pauline E. Glidden Toy Museum will be her enduring legacy to Ashland and the region, and a reminder of her long devotion to the community.

In closing, we would like to thank those that have donated their time, effort and money to the Society's programs and projects.

ASHLAND MEMORIAL PARK

Submitted by Trustees Marion Merrill, Mary Ruell, Ernest Hutter and Philip Preston

This year we have two new trustees because Sandra Jones and Tim Gotwols sold their bicycle business next door to the park and purchased a new home in Holderness. We wish to thank them for their interest and concern over the past eight years. Our new trustees, Ernest Hutter and Philip Preston, have proved to be very much interested and helpful in evaluating problems and finding solutions.

The most difficult current problem is financial. Investments, thought to be sufficient for the maintenance of the park, did not produce enough income this year, especially since we had made commitments for additional lighting in the gazebo area, as recommended by the Police Department. We also needed to replace the 30-year-old fence at the eastern end of the park.

These problems were solved as follows: We thank Denis and Maria Vasiliadis, owners of the Ashland House of Pizza, who shared the cost of a 6-foot chain link fence at our mutual boundary. To pay for the lighting in the gazebo and assist with maintenance, we appealed to a number of friends and neighbors and were rewarded with sufficient funds to do both. We greatly appreciate their generous response.

Because the park is thirty years old, some of its elements need to be repaired or replaced. We shall be looking for ways to take care of these problems, perhaps requesting volunteer help in the spring.

The park continues to attract many to its peace and quiet. It is the site of community events, such as the Community Center's Day in the Park and the Historical Society's Lobster Dinner. It is also used for weddings and photo shoots.

We thank the Police and Electric Departments for their assistance and the Highway Department for the new rubbish barrels and care of them. Thanks, too, to the Ashland Garden Club for maintenance of flowerbeds and the Flagpole and Watering Trough areas.

For years, memorial gifts or honoraria have been the foundation of our capital funds. Such gifts are still appropriate and most welcome. They may be sent to the Ashland Memorial Park, PO Box 320, Ashland, NH 03217.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance 01-01-02	\$1327.24
Receipts	
Transfers from Memorial Park Fund	\$1996
	1500
Donations	2060
Interest – MVSB	6.30
Total Receipts	\$5562.30
Total Available	\$6889.54
Expenditures	
Park Maintenance-labor	\$3220
Supplies	450
Share of Fence	
Replacement	600
Lighting of Gazebo	950
Postage, Box Rent	42.20
Total Expenditures	\$5262.20
Balance 12/31/02	\$1627.34
Recap:	
Meredith Village Checking Account	\$1612.56
Meredith Village Passbook	14.78
Total	\$1627.34

FOURTH OF JULY CELEBRATION

2002

Submitted by Mary Ruell

This spring, Brian Chalmers, who had chaired the Fourth of July celebration for the last several years, decided not to be involved this year. He spent an evening with the other volunteers, describing the chores he had done in the past. The group then carried on, sharing the duties, adding some new activities, and preparing for a traditional celebration. We are happy to say that our efforts met with much success.

Since this was a mid-week celebration, the midway, entertainment and fireworks were scheduled for July 3 after 5 o'clock with the pancake breakfast and parade on the morning of July 4. Added to our other fundraisers, a tee shirt was produced with a design contributed by Sally Grand. The buttons bore the same design. The tee shirts were a sell out. Although no meal was served on July 3, the Food Booth and the Breakfast were more popular than ever.

Howard Bilodeau, 91, was grand marshal, noted for his interest and support of local events. He rode in VanSickles convertible, driven by Art Harriman. Art's mother Kaye also accompanied them.

New volunteers were Chris Weden, Patty Heinz, Nancy Cross, Ruth Knapp, Jessica Bickford, Chief Joe Chivell, Ann Reever, Taylor Ashey and Russell Cross. Once again we were assisted by Alex Ray, Maurice Lefreniere, Bill Driscoll, John Richard, Ralph Lyford Jr., Wilma Garland, Peggy Duguay, Jo Brown, Marion Merrill, Jean Preece, Marjorie Ash, Alan Cilley, David Paquette, Brad Ober, Mark Ober, Steve Murdock, Phyllis Reitsma, Tom Peters, Mary, David and Maria Cissotelli, Caroline Gosse, Vicki Leknes, Arthur Leknes, Steve Uhlman, Linda Pare, Pat Holland, David Babson, Jason Lyon, Jeff Day, Susan McCann, Dianne Downing, Mike Simpson, Steven Wright, Shirley Splaine, Mary Ruell, David Ruell, Scott and Mike Weden, Lynne and Jamie Uhlman, Dennis and Jason Eastman, Paige Morrill and Tim Paquette.

Twenty-six significant donations, made by businesses and organizations, were instrumental in our success in meeting expenses. They were given by the following: American Legion Auxiliary, Ashland Woman's Club, Ash Hardware, Ashland House of Pizza, Ashland Lumber Company, Bob's Shurfine Market, Bridgewater Power Company, James Capeless Jr., Comfort Inn, Community Guaranty Savings Bank, Bill Driscoll Associates, Glynn House Inn, Jellystone Park, Little Holland Court, Manor on Golden Pond, Mega Print, Meredith Village Savings Bank, Modern Woodmen, Noseworthy Real Estate, Pemi National Bank, Rockywold-Deephaven Camps, Riverside Cycles, Samyn-D'Elia Architects, Squam Boat Livery, White Oak Motel. The Town of Ashland also appropriates a patriotic sum that is applied to this event. Donations in kind were made by Riveredge Marina, Mountain Laurel, and LW Packard. Customers of Bob's Shurfine donated over \$400 in collection jars at the store.

Many thanks to all whom assisted in any way to another Glorious Fourth!

**FINANCIAL REPORT - ASHLAND JULY 4 CELEBRATION
2002**

Balance on hand, January 1, 2002	\$ 4,497.87
Town Appropriation, July 1, 2002	\$ 1,500.00
Interest for the year	\$ 5.99

RECEIPTS

Donations

Organizations	\$ 550.00
Businesses	\$ 2,110.00
Individuals	\$ 27.00 \$ 2,687.00

Collections

Field	\$ 2,388.40
Buttons	\$ 760.00
Shurfine customers	\$ 429.00 \$ 3,577.40

Concessions	\$ 1,636.00
Raffle (50-50)	\$ 96.00
Balloon Sales	\$ 138.00
T-Shirt Sales	\$ 710.50
Pancake Breakfast	\$ 1,558.00
Food Booth	\$ 618.50

Total Earned	\$ 11,021.40
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Total Available	\$ 17,025.26
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EXPENDITURES

Fireworks	\$ 7,500.00
Parade Units (4)	\$ 1,850.00
Entertainment	\$ 200.00
Advertising (2)	\$ 157.50
Buttons	\$ 228.80
Portable toilets (4)	\$ 380.00
Postage (donors & thanks)	\$ 29.86
Stakes, tape	\$ 64.38

Total Expenditures	\$ 10,410.54
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Balance - MVSB	\$ 6,614.72
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ASHLAND TOWN LIBRARY

Submitted by Trustees Jill Mudgett, M. Jeanne Poterucha, Angela Jaquith

The Ashland Town Library has once again experienced a year of growth and expansion. As we reflect back over the year, we are struck by the continued support and generosity of our community. Naturally, we as Trustees feel that the Library is a vital asset in our town. It serves as a gathering place for the community. A place where information is gained and ideas are shared. More importantly, it serves as a resource for the members of our community, be it a resource for information or a resource for technology or perhaps just a social center. Regardless of the role, the Library is at the heart of the community. We see a special need to make the children in the community aware of the resources the Library has to offer. These are the leaders of tomorrow and as such, we want the children to be aware and informed and have an avenue in which to learn to express and share their ideas. Therefore, when you go on to read about changes in Library programming this year, you will see that we have made a particular effort to target the teen and pre-teen audience and to provide programs to bring them into the Library.

Over the last year we have enhanced our collection of traditional printed materials to include videos, DVDs, books on tape and books on CD. We have also expanded the programming offered to the community. We launched a book and movie program this summer designed for the young adults in our community. This program was geared for children 4th grade and up and was so well received that we have decided to continue this program throughout the year. Another new program is Sleepy Story Time where we encourage families to bring young children to the library fully equipped with a favorite stuffed toy or pillow for a bed time story. We initiated a poetry workshop this year giving the young adults in our patron base a new avenue of expression. In addition, we continue to offer preschool story hour on Friday mornings, and our Summer Reading program at which we include the Parks and Recreation Department and an adult book discussion group.

An integral part of any library is its base of volunteers and we are fortunate to have some very dedicated people in our community, who give freely of their time to benefit the library and its patrons. Eli Badger continues to volunteer time to improve and maintain our website. We have a special group of people who volunteer their efforts to make our annual book sale a success. This event requires a great deal of work from set up to daylong staffing and clean up. Of course our friends at Dupuis Cross Post #15 continue to offer their time in a variety of ways. This year they presented a very special program not only addressing flag etiquette but also celebrating the 83rd birthday of the Post. We thank all our volunteers for their continued dedication; our success would not be possible without each and every one of you. We would like to extend a very special thank you to Jerry Chouinard who has played Santa Claus for us for a number of years at Christmas Night in Ashland. He is always a big hit with the children and we appreciate his dedication and enthusiasm.

We would like to take this opportunity to extend our sincere thanks to Caroline Boyle for her many years of dedication and service to our Library. Caroline was instrumental in bringing the library forward in the areas of policy, procedure and technology throughout her tenure on the board. Many of the advancements we have experienced in recent years would not have been possible without Caroline's dedication. We appreciate your efforts Caroline and we enjoy the privilege of your ongoing support.

We are also fortunate to be the recipient of many generous gifts from our community. Video Chest donated approximately 100 videos to our collection and we extend sincere thanks to the Winn Family for their generosity. Special thanks are extended to Claire Robson who was a guest speaker at our Poetry workshop. Claire was wonderful with the children and we greatly appreciate her time and expertise. In addition we have passes to several area attractions that

have been gifted to the Library. The passes to the Christa McAuliffe Planetarium are donated by the Pauline Packard Trust, Meredith Village Savings Bank donates passes to the Squam Lakes Natural Science Center, the Ashland Woman's Club donated passes to the Seacoast Science Center and two generous patrons, who wish to remain anonymous, donated a pass to the Canterbury Shaker Village. We thank all our benefactors for their continued generosity.

The ongoing success of the Ashland Town Library would not be possible without the dedication of our staff. The Board of Trustees would like to take this opportunity to offer our heartfelt thanks to Sara Weinberg, Terry Fouts, Noreen Crawford and Suzanne Peoples for their continued dedication to the Library. It is the dedication of our staff and the enthusiasm of our volunteers that makes it such a privilege to be affiliated with this board.

In closing, we would like to offer our thanks once again to the people of the community of Ashland for their ongoing support of this valuable resource we call the *Ashland Town Library*.

LIBRARY FINANCIAL 2002*

<u>Receipts</u>			<u>Bank Accounts</u>	
Balance on Hand January 1, 2002		\$ 0.01	CHENEY FUND	
Town Appropriations 2002		\$ 40,000.00	Balance 01/01/02	\$ 386.38
Fundraising		\$ 1,350.00	Interest	\$ 3.03
Trust Funds		\$ 1,065.39	Withdrawals	\$ (200.00)
Grant for Storyteller		\$ 175.00	Balance 12/31/02	\$ 189.41
Interest - checking account		\$ 4.42	ORDWAY FUND	
TOTAL INCOME		\$ 42,594.82	Balance 01/01/02	\$ 390.84
			Interest	\$ 2.88
Audios		\$ 227.52	Withdrawals	\$ (265.39)
Book supplies		\$ 371.87	Balance 12/31/02	\$ 128.33
Books		\$ 6,685.06	PAULINE PACKARD MEMORIAL FUND	
Cable Access		\$ 23.40	Balance 01/01/02	\$ 457.00
Check Charges		\$ 45.30	Interest	\$ 2.60
Equipment		\$ 501.35	Withdrawals	\$ (389.71)
Insurance		\$ 19.00	Balance 12/31/02	\$ 69.89
Magazines		\$ 286.81	PHILIP STEVENS BOOK FUND	
Membership Dues		\$ 65.00	Balance 01/01/02	\$ 480.08
Office Supplies		\$ 254.38	Interest	\$ 2.36
Payroll Expense		\$ 21,586.18	Withdrawals	\$ (378.77)
Postage		\$ 141.46	Balance 12/31/02	\$ 103.67
Professional Services		\$ 130.00	FRANCES M. PLATT FUND	
Professional Dues		\$ 90.00	Balance 01/01/02	\$ 528.53
Programming		\$ 420.13	Interest	\$ 1.69
Software		\$ 99.00	Withdrawals	\$ (522.09)
Stationary		\$ 151.00	Balance 12/31/02	\$ 8.13
Supplies		\$ 523.77	HARRIET ADDISON FUND	
Taxes		\$ 6,179.26	Balance 01/01/02	\$ 300.28
Tech Support		\$ 395.00	Interest	\$ 2.32
Telephone		\$ 1,467.00	Deposit	\$ 122.27
Utilities		\$ 1,178.91	Withdrawals	\$ (300.00)
Videos		\$ 1,740.29	Balance 12/31/02	\$ 124.87
			FUNDRAISING ACCOUNT	
TOTAL EXPENSES		\$ 42,581.69	Balance 01/01/02	\$ 1,107.77
			Interest	\$ 4.59
Balance on Hand December 31, 2002		\$ 13.13	Deposit	\$ 1,480.37
			Withdrawals	\$ (2,158.05)
			Balance 12/31/02	\$ 434.68
			PENWORKS ACCOUNT	
			Balance 01/01/02	\$ 591.26
			Interest	\$ 4.15
			Withdrawals	\$ (291.33)
			Balance 12/31/02	\$ 304.08
			GATES FOUNDATION	
*Unaudited			Balance 11/08/02	\$ 13,154.00
			Interest	\$ 12.05
			Balance 12/31/02	\$ 13,166.05

ASHLAND PLANNING BOARD

Submitted by Alan Cilley

The Ashland Planning Board has had a very busy year and has seen several changes. For the first time in recent history our membership is almost completely staffed. We are still in need of alternate members.

In 2002 there were a total of (6) boundary line adjustments, (6) site plan reviews, (1) voluntary merger and (2) subdivisions that came before the board for review and approval.

Along with the statistical data, the Planning Board members worked very hard on re-writing definitions such as "change of use", "home occupation" and "overlay". The members have also worked to get some of the zoning ordinance redone and clarified. At this time there will be three amendments to the Zoning Ordinance for the town to vote on – a new Junkyard Ordinance, Sign Permit Ordinance and a Squam River Overlay Ordinance.

The Planning Board has undertaken the task of updating the master plan for the Town of Ashland. This ambitious project will save the Town of Ashland some \$30,000 because it will not have to be done by an outside source.

Also the Planning Board is working to establish a capital improvements program. This will establish goals and areas of improvement needed in the Town of Ashland.

Both of the above mentioned projects will greatly increase the chances for the Town of Ashland receiving grant monies when they are applied for.

The Planning Board would encourage people to become involved in these projects by coming to meetings, answering our surveys and asking questions and giving input as the projects go forward.

I would like to thank all the department heads that have assisted us during the year. A special thanks you to our Town Planner Eli Badger and office staff Laura Plummer and Pat Tucker. Without these people the Planning Board would not have been able to accomplish what we did this year.

I would like to say thank you to my fellow board members for the amount of time and effort they have given to this volunteer board during the year 2002.

ZONING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT

The Ashland Zoning Board heard eight cases this year ranging from an appeal of a Board of Selectmen's decision to variances for lot line adjustments. The Board granted six variances and denied three other applicant's requests.

The Zoning Board is in need of additional members. Please contact the Town Office to volunteer you time.

TOWN WELFARE REPORT

2002

Submitted by Robert B. Hicks, Welfare Officer

Our citizens never enjoy asking for help and most make tremendous efforts to re-establish their situations and will reimburse the town when able to do so.

Town welfare dollars for 2002 continues a trend upward, mainly due to the lack of affordable housing and a lack of area shelters; also due to the state welfare system cutting funds, narrowing guidelines and the extended certification process used to approve recipients for benefits (Social Security, Disability, Medicare, food stamps and others). Many people who are working or receive state benefits can not find housing they can afford.

While the state boasts of cutting budgets, the burden remains and simply falls on others. The time involved in certification is the biggest problem. What to do between time is the dilemma. Three to four months is not uncommon to wait, as a result dozens of our citizens receive emergency assistance for basic needs as housing, fuel, electrical, medical and food costs; with housing continuing to be the greatest need.

As of December 7, 2002 a total of \$14,959.81 was paid in vouchers for emergency assistance.

As welfare director I see first hand the concerns of some of our citizens for basic needs. We try to help with information on housing and jobs; we direct clients to the proper agency to provide long term needs. Our little community of 2000 people, with our churches, food pantry and many of our private citizens (very special people) care for our own. This is a very rewarding task.

ASHLAND BUILDING INSPECTOR and CODE ENFORCEMENT 2002

Submitted by Robert B. Hicks

Maintaining good, safe building and code compliance is what we all want for Ashland. We have a good team with Electrical Inspector Frank Murdock and Plumbing Inspector Jerry Bridgham – both are quality men and knowledgeable in their trade. Ashland has seen several new homes built with many additions and other building improvements during 2002.

Applications for permits can also be obtained during regular town office hours, five days a week, 8 am to 4 pm. Arrangements can be made for on site meetings. Inspections are made with a reasonable appointed time.

2002 has been a very active year for Ashland building, 163 permits have been issued since January 1.

Income from permits total - \$5,619.24 as of 11/23/01
Income from permits total - \$8,875.29 as of 12/07/02

Total town improvements – \$1,589,968.28 for 2001
Total town improvements - \$2,973,442.00 for 2002

Number of Permits Issued	2001	2002
1. Building	52	70
2. Electrical	19	37
3. Plumbing	14	20
4. Oil Burner	9	15
5. Driveway	8	14
6. Sign	2	5
7. Demolition	5	2
8. Mobile Home	1	0
total	110	163

Inspections and site planning have increased this year. We have received many inquiries for building regulations and information regarding new business and zoning. We use the International Building Code, along with our Ashland Building and Zoning Regulations.

Many other dedicated people on the Zoning Board of Adjustment, the Ashland Planning Board, the Town Planner and Laura Plummer provide support and help with this office. (They are very valuable assets.)

Our goal is to provide help for Ashland's residents with their building needs, to administer the regulations as fairly and promptly as possible. Good building planning helps our town provide safe housing, growth for residential homes and the right kind of new business opportunities for our community.

ASHLAND CONSERVATION COMMISSION

Submitted by Chairman Ruth Knapp, Joseph Vittum, Daniel Golden, James Grover

Members of our commission attended conservation meetings of the Grafton County Conservation District, the NH Department of Environmental Services and others.

The Commission voted to join the Squam Lake Conservation Society.

We continued to inform the public of the milfoil problem.

We made on site inspections and voted approval of applications for boathouse construction, for dredge and fill, and for timber cutting permits.

Members of the Squam Shore Improvement Association, including residents on Squam riverbanks, attended several Commission meetings and provided extensive information on the problem of sand bar formations in the Squam River creating a boat navigation problem. There is need for more control of erosion of sand from the town beach. Using sand dredged from the river bars to replenish the beach was considered.

PARKS AND RECREATION – 2002

Submitted by Director Jessica Bickford

Programming

We had another great year with many residents of Ashland participating in our many programs (over 20 different offerings throughout the year, some one-time events, some ongoing). We added a few new programs including “Bridge, Cribbage, Scrabble & Games,” a time for the seniors to gather once a week throughout the winter and spring months to play games or just gab (Thank you to the Community Center for opening their building to us). We also built upon some existing programs such as the K-5 afterschool program that now runs mid September through the end of May four afternoons a week. There were over 35 different children participating throughout the year with as many as 23 energetic children in one afternoon. This means that we have served over 18% of the children attending the Ashland Elementary school! There were a few one-time events pioneered this year including a co-sponsored Easter Egg hunt with the Community Center and a seminar on composting with worms. We are looking forward to adding more one-time events for 2003 including a refresher knitting class, penny carnival, and adult cooking class. If you would be interested in sharing a skill you have, please contact the Parks & Recreation Office at 968-9209.

Campground & Beach

The campground renovations were completed and we have begun to prepare for our opening next May. In August we hosted an open house which showcased the 23-site facility. The selectmen have chosen Jessica Bickford, the Parks and Recreation Director, to act as the campground manager. We envision a close collaboration between the Police Department and the Parks and Recreation Department to maintain a safe camping environment. Once up and fully running, this facility will start bringing in a revenue that will lessen the tax burden of the Parks and Recreation Department to taxpayers.

The selectmen have chosen to consult with Fluet Engineering to design a plan to renovate the beach stopping the erosion. This plan has been completed and is available at the Town Office for review. We have written for the 50/50 matching Land and Water Conservation Grant (L.W.C.F. grant). A plan has also been submitted to renovate both sides of the bathhouse making them handicap accessible as well as improving the general condition of this facility.

Facilities Updates

Throughout 2002 the need was recognized that our buildings and grounds need repair. Here is what has been done and what is planned for 2003:

Completed in 2002: Booster club bathroom floor retiled, Booster Club wood floor sanded and resurfaced, handicap accessible swing and sandbox purchased for ballpark (will be installed spring 2003), two picnic tables built by 8th grade class, grounds cleanup over banking at ballpark by 8th grade class and other various small projects. There have also been building equipment improvements by the Rebekahs and Food for All.

Scheduled for 2003: Resurface the basketball court, retile kitchen floor, renovate beach bathhouse and gatehouse, make repairs to beach booster building.

Budget:

The Parks & Recreation Budget is broken into four categories:

Beach \$ 25,025

Campground \$150,000 (encumbered from 2001 warrant article)

General Expenses (Upkeep & Maintenance) \$22,309

Programming Expenses (Includes all programming expenses as well as Director's Salary) \$84,106

Total from 2002 budget \$131,930 Actually Spent \$125,595

We are currently working on increasing Park and Recreation's Revenue which is an ongoing process that keeps building each year with the goal that it will eventually almost cover all of its own expenditures through revenues while still remaining affordable for the residents. This year's revenue was \$31,619.

Community Involvement

There are many ways for you the resident to become involved - Attend the programs - Volunteer some time to help out or run an activity - teach a class - serve on the Parks & Recreation Committee - be a concerned citizen and let us know if something is out of the ordinary - think of us when you clean out those attics, garages, playrooms, and basements (Many thanks to the individuals who did this in 2002; your donations helped to make many of our programs possible) - donate your time to build something - serve as a handyman. These are just a few of the areas where we could use your help. The more people get involved the more the Ashland Community will grow. Thank you to all whom helped out in 2002!

ASHLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Chief Joseph Chivell

2002 has been a very productive year for the Ashland Police Department as we have worked very hard to achieve many of the goals we set for ourselves. The most important goal that we have attained is the updating of our Operating Procedures, which is a springboard for every other function of our department. Our new procedures have been updated to reflect the most recent case law and the recognized State and National standards. This was a time consuming effort in both the draft stages and training.

Our commitment to training comes from our need to protect the Town of Ashland and the residents from possible harm or lawsuits. To that end, the following officers have completed the following training:

Officer Ed Samson completed the D.A.R.E Officer Training and will be using his newly acquired knowledge to conduct the 5th grade D.A.R.E. program in the Ashland Elementary School beginning this winter.

Officer Ryan Oleson attended a one-week Field Training Officer session. This will allow him to be an "in-house" trainer for the other officers.

Sergeant Joe McComiskey took part in the three-week Command Training Institute where he acquired skills in Leadership, Ethical and Strategic Decision Making and other management and human relation subjects. This program is under the direction of the New England Chiefs of Police and we obtained a grant from the New Hampshire Police Academy to fund Sergeant McComiskey's training.

Lieutenant Marren has attended classes on legal updates and human relations.

I have attended seminars on Small Agency Standards and Team Building.

On April 28th, after serving this community for the past fourteen years and having been in law enforcement over twenty years Officer Howard Beaudry retired to be able to spend more time with his family. Howard had taken part in many functions within the Ashland Police Department, but gained most of his better memories while working in the school with the D.A.R.E. program.

In our community over the past year we have met with a group of our senior residents on different occasions to discuss their concerns on several topics of their choice. From this, we have started a new program where we have gathered emergency information such as family contacts, current medications, and doctors on each resident in case of an emergency. We will enhance this safety effort soon by using the "File of Life" form, which is a magnetized file folder that is placed on the refrigerator containing this medical information required in times of need.

We have continued to address safety issues with our children by actively teaching bicycle and cross walk safety and meeting with them to talk about Halloween safety.

As always, we welcome your suggestions and comments on these and other issues as we strive to provide a safe and enjoyable town for our residents and those people who choose to visit this beautiful area.

The members of the department would like to thank the residents of Ashland for their continued support in our efforts to make this a safe community. I myself, would also like to thank the members of the Police Department for their diligence and all their efforts in this past year, it is greatly appreciated.

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT 2002

POLICE ACTIVITY REPORT 2002		Community Involvement	
Service Calls		Motor Vehicle Activity	
Aid to Public	1,057	Criminal Activity	
Aid to Fire/Ambulance	167	Adult Arrests	249
Aid to other Law Enforcement	467	False Imprisonment/Criminal Restraint	2
Aid to other Town Agency	82	Interference with Custody	1
Civil Standby	70	Assaults	28
Alarms	81	Sexual Assault	4
911 Hang-up Calls	51	Criminal Threatening	28
Missing Persons	3	Stalking	3
Animal Complaints	67	Arson	1
School Crossing	340	Attempted Burglary / Burglary	25
Business/Door Checks	25,375	Willful concealment / Shoplifting	6
REDDI Call	12	Theft	65
Attempted Suicide / Suicide	5	Forgery	2
Lost / Property	25	Misrepresenting Age	2
Check the Welfare	21	Receiving Stolen Property	2
Suspicious Activity	32	Criminal Mischief / Vandalism	60
Business/Door Checks	25,375	Possession of Drugs	13
REDDI Call	12	Computer Crimes	3
Attempted Suicide / Suicide	5	Felon in Possession of Weapons	2
Lost / Property	25	Carring Handgun without Permit	1
Check the Welfare	21	Issuing Bad Checks	10
Suspicious Activity	32	Loitering	2
Business/Door Checks	25,375	Public Nuisance / Disorderly Conduct	43
REDDI Call	12	Protective Custody - Intoxication	24
Attempted Suicide / Suicide	5	Endangering welfare of Minor	4
Lost / Property	25	Underage Alcohol Violations	21
Check the Welfare	21	Trespass	23
Suspicious Activity	32	Littering	2
Business/Door Checks	25,375	Violation of Court Orders	13
REDDI Call	12	Disobeying Lawful Orders	6
Attempted Suicide / Suicide	5	Violation of Electricians Rules	1
Lost / Property	25	Violation of Probation / Parole	1
Check the Welfare	21	Reckless Conduct	7
Suspicious Activity	32	Obstructing Reports / Enforcement	6
Business/Door Checks	25,375	Harassment	22
REDDI Call	12	Lewdness	1
Attempted Suicide / Suicide	5	Sex Offender Offences	8
Lost / Property	25	Domestic Violence	34



D.A.R.E. OFFICER COMMENTS - 2002

This year has been fun and interesting, working with the fifth grade. I enjoyed working with the students and being a part of their class and life and I thank the class for allowing me that privilege. The class has learned a lot about how and why we should say "NO" to drugs and violence. They also found that they could have fun and enjoy themselves without using drugs and being involved with violence.

It should be noted that they had many questions about their D.A.R.E. Officer and his family. I truly hope that they found that police officers were just like anyone else.

I must say "Thank You" to Mrs. Perrin and Mr. Metcalfe for allowing me time and space to provide the D.A.R.E. program. Without their support, D.A.R.E. would not have happened. THANK YOU

A very special "Thanks" to a teacher who is no longer with us but he is felt and missed. Mr. Albert Allard was my first teacher in my first D.A.R.E class. I would have been at a loss without his guidance and friendship all the years we worked together. Mr. Allard, I know you are still around in spirit, Thank You.

Ms. Betty Belyea, Thank You for helping me in the first year. You made it fun and interesting being in your classroom. You, Mr. Allard and I did have good times in the beginning and the D.A.R.E. program would not have been the success it is without the two of you to guide me along.

What can I say about Mr. Bill Tirone that I have not said in past years? Mr. T has been a supporter of the D.A.R.E. program and me from the beginning. He has always provided help and support when asked for. You can tell Mr. T enjoys being with the students as much as they enjoy being around him. The Ashland School and the Town of Ashland are very lucky to have Mr. T working for their children. Mr. Tirone, THANK YOU.

The support staff of the school works very hard for the students, parents and D.A.R.E. to provide all of our needs. I thank them for all their years of support and help, Ms. Judy Johnson, Diane Hill, Heidi Niles, Doris Wilson and Charlie Dorais.

The rest of the staff of the school, I can only say we have had fun and enjoyed each other. Again, without your help and support the D.A.R.E. program would have not enjoyed the success and succeeded as it has.

To the Town of Ashland and the Police Department, thank you for the support and time that allowed me to work in the school and the community.

To the Businesses in town and most of all the residents of the town, THANK YOU. Without your moral and financial support D.A.R.E. would never have been the success it is in the Town of Ashland.

Without all of the above support I would no have been named *New Hampshire's D.A.R.E. Officer of the Year*. This award was the highlight of my career and without you it would not have happened. Most D.A.R.E. officers teach between 3-5 years; this is my 11th. I feel that this happened because of the people I worked with in the school and the students.

In closing, most of you have heard or been told that I am retiring from full-time law enforcement as of the end of April 2002. I have enjoyed my 14½ years in the Town of Ashland. I will miss interacting with the students and staff of the school and the residents of the town. I want to say THANK YOU for allowing me to be a law enforcement officer in your town. I appreciate the support you have given my family and me through the years. We have gone through some tough times and some good times but you as residents, have always stood by your town, your employees and the children of your town. I hope you realize you have a neat little town here and I truly hope you and the town never lose that, because this is what little towns in America should be like. People in the bigger areas have no idea how lucky we are to be living in small town America.

My Best To All of You

Howard

Howard J. Beaudry, Jr.
(Gampy)

ASHLAND FIRE AND RESCUE DEPARTMENT

Submitted by Fire Chief Scott Weden

2002 was another very busy year for the Ashland Fire and Rescue Department; calls are up this year from 360 in 2001 to 389. A majority of these calls are emergency medical calls. We are pleased to report that there were no significant losses of property to fire during 2002. The Department has been very busy with other events such as Life Safety Code Inspections, Fire Prevention and numerous service related items.

I must bring to the attention of the citizens that the ladder truck is not in service. During the yearly inspection it failed to pass the operation test. The problem is that the ladder is twisted and is not safe for operation. At this point the Town of Plymouth has been gracious to allow Ashland to call upon their ladder truck. I am not sure how long this arrangement will last. We have presented this problem to the Board of Selectmen and they have asked us to wait until another year. We must remember that we have buildings in town that need a ladder truck to reach them. Some of the buildings on the Main Street as well as the condominium units that we have will need the use of the ladder truck in the event of a fire or rescue. Another problem is that with limited manpower it is difficult to raise a ground ladder in order to fight a fire or initiate a rescue. We will be presenting this information as well as the information from the Ladder Truck Committee in regards to the purchase of a new truck at the deliberative session of Town Meeting.

I must take this time to thank the Ladder Truck Committee chaired by Brad Ober for their time in researching and putting the information together. As in the past our Firefighters and EMT's have continued to attend a variety of continuing education programs in hopes of providing the most effective and efficient services we

are able to provide to the citizens of Ashland.

Again, as in previous years the Ashland Fireman's Association Women's Auxiliary ran another very successful Operation Santa program. This year the program assisted 29 families with a total of 60 children. This program is able to assist families that are in need over the holiday season. In closing, I would like to thank the members of the department for their time and dedication. I would like to thank the Citizens, Business Community as well as Town Departments, Employees and the Administration for their support over the past year.

2002 RUN STATISTICS

Medical Emergency	181
Missing Persons	2
Medical Alarms	6
Assist Police Department	3
Medical Assist	9
EMS Stand by	4
Special Medical Response	1
Water/Ice Rescue	2
Severe Weather Response	3
Animal Rescue	2
False Alarms – Fire	20
Grass/Brush Fires	11
Good Intent Calls	13
Mutual Aid – Cover Truck	7
Trash Fire	1
Carbon Monoxide Alarms	5
Electrical Wires Down	16
Structure Fires	3
Mutual Aid – Structure Fires	11
Chimney Fires	6
Hazardous Materials	8
Smoke Scare	19
Motor Vehicle Fires	5
Fuel/Oil Spill	7
Motor Vehicle Accidents	44
Total	389

UNH COOPERATIVE EXTENSION

GRAFTON COUNTY OFFICE

Submitted by Northam D. Parr, County Office Administrator

UNH Cooperative Extension provides New Hampshire citizens with research-based education and information, enhancing their ability to make informed decisions that strengthen youth, families and communities, sustain natural resources, and improve the economy.

Funded through the federal, state and county governments, and competitive grants, UNH Cooperative Extension educational programs are designed to respond to the local needs of citizens through direction and support of an elected volunteer advisory council. Each of the state's ten counties supports an Extension office.

Extension Advisory Council: Members include: W. Michael Dannehy, Woodsville; Jim Kinder, Haverhill; Alyssa Lucas, Woodsville; Tosona Melanson, Dorchester; Cindy Putnam, Piermont; Debby Robie, Bath; Ilse Scheller, Wentworth; Dave Thompson, Lincoln; Susan Tomasetti, Littleton; and Michael Townsend, Lebanon. The Advisory Council meets every other month. Education programs and assistance are objective, informal and practical in nature; most are at no direct cost for participants. Clients' needs are met through phone calls, letters and printed materials, hands-on workshops, on site visits, conferences and web sites. Media outlets help us reach one of every three county residents. Our staff is able to respond quickly with needed information via electronic mail, keep up-to-date on the latest research and information, and work collaboratively with many agencies and organizations.

Extension Staff: Tom Buob, Agricultural Resources; Ginny DiFrancesco, Water Quality; Kathleen Jablonski, 4-H Youth Development; Michal Lunak, Dairy Specialist; Deborah Maes, Family & Community Development; Northam Parr, Forest & Wildlife Resources; Robin Peters, Nutrition Connections; and Jacqueline Poulton, LEAP program. Educators are supported by Donna Mitton, Kristina Vaughan and Sharon Youngman.

New or enhanced efforts during FY01 (October 2001 through September 2002) include:

- Nutrition connections' Programs enrolled 164 low-income family members in programs to modify diet and food preparation, skills and behavior and improve nutritional health.
Nutrition Connections: collaborated with and marketed programs through over 60 agencies, health clinics, schools, welfare offices and shelters.
- 4-H Leader Training for volunteers were held in gardening, public speaking, and water resources education. There are 102 active leaders in 4-H, including 16 new volunteers. 470 County youth participated in 4-H activities. There are currently 32 active clubs. Three Grafton County 4-H'ers received college scholarships/awards from local funds established for that purpose.
- Food safety certification programs were held in 8 communities, for food handling staff of nursing homes, schools, hospitals, senior centers and restaurants. About 70 participants passed the National SERVSAFE exam as a result. A Community Profile was held in Canaan. Land Conservation and Protection Workshops were held in Sugar Hill and Rumney.
- The LEAP program (Lifeskills for Employment, Achievement and Purpose) successfully 'graduated' eleven participants, seven have obtained full-time employment, three have earned GEDs, two have completed CNA training and six have enrolled their children in State Licensed Child Care.

Thirty-eight Farm-Family participants completed Ag-Business courses in North Haverhill, a cooperative program with UVM that improves financial planning, accounting and management. More than 100 producers attended a West Lebanon conference on Dairy Management Practices with a focus on financial management and profitability. Also in West Lebanon, the New England Dairy Feed Conference focused on forage production and management.

Current Use tax program information and assistance—including revised Forestland Stewardship criteria – was provided to communities, assessing officials and landowners through public meetings and direct consultation, to help keep this open-space incentive strong. Extension referrals to private sector licensed foresters resulted in new management plans on 15,000 acres, erosion control on 10 miles of roads and trails, and improved timber harvesting practices. The 15th Annual Grafton County Conservation Field Days at the County Farm taught 150 5th graders and their teachers about soils, water, wildlife, farm animals, forestry and gardening, just before black fly season! Grant-funded research projects included phosphorous and nitrogen application guidelines and vegetative buffer utility to protect water quality and farm profitability.

UNH Grafton County Cooperative Extension Office Hours are Monday through Friday from 8AM to 4PM.

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GOVERNOR'S COUNCIL

RAYMOND BURTON

Submitted by Raymond Burton

REPORT TO THE PEOPLE OF COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE – a new era is underway in the Executive Branch of your NH State Government, headed by Governor Craig Benson. I envision that his administration will be bringing new and innovative ideas of a modernized New Hampshire State government, by utilizing tools of the new age of technology. This will bring enhanced services to the citizens and users of NH State government. Through the many checks and balances of power at the State Capitol, Governor Benson will not go too slow or too fast.

I encourage citizens to contact Governor Benson and offer to serve on a Board or Commission. Each biennium more than 300 citizens are appointed to these public boards. The address is State House, 107 North Main Street, Concord, NH 03301. The phone number is 603-271-2121. A new administration is in Concord. Let's make very sure our region is a part of the Benson era of New Hampshire! For a listing of the Boards and Commissions under the authority of the Governor and Council, please visit the Secretary of State Web site at:

<http://webster.state.nh.us/sos/> or call my office at 271-3632.

As Councilor, I will be conducting official tours with Commissioners and Directors of State Agencies all summer and fall of 2003. If you have a special event or project you would like a certain agency to visit or focus on, please let me know.

As Councilor, I will be holding official summer 2003 hearings on proposed changes to the NH Ten-Year Highway Plan. All town, counties and cities will be notified of this schedule of public hearings in your region. Please utilize your regional Planning Commission as a starting point for your transportation ideas and concerns. For detailed information on the Ten Year Highway Plan visit the Department of Transportation web site: <http://webster.state.nh.us/dot/>

All citizens and public agencies should contact our NH Congressional Delegation and ask for more support from Washington, DC. New Hampshire ranks near the bottom of the list in monies returned back from the Federal budget.

For every dollar of taxation we sent to Washington we get back ONLY 71 CENTS! Lets send many lists to Senators Gregg and Sununu and Congressman Bass and Bradley and give them a chance to do better.

Please keep in touch with my office. I am at your service.

PEMI-BAKER SOLID WASTE DISTRICT – 2002

Submitted by R. Marsh Morgan, Jr, PBSWD Chairman

2002 was an exciting and busy year for the District. First, the District added seven new communities. They were the towns of Easton, Franconia, Landaff, Lisbon, Littleton, Lyman and Sugar Hill giving the District a total of twenty members. The District also expanded its household hazardous waste (HHW) program, continued to collect oil-based paint and fluorescent light bulbs, while holding its first ever electronics recycling collection program.

The District continued its support of proper household hazardous waste management by coordinating five (5) one-day collection events. In the spring, the district held one collection in Plymouth and in the fall, held collections in Littleton, Plymouth, Rumney and Campton/Thornton. Through these collections the District was able to recycle or properly dispose of over 7,000 gallons of material. Over 500 households participated in this program. The district also recycled over 20,000 feet of fluorescent light bulbs that were collected at individual transfer stations throughout the year. The District received \$8,206.45 in grant funds from the State of NH's Household Hazardous Waste Program to help offset some of the program's costs.

2002 also saw the District coordinate and sponsor its first ever electronics recycling program, with emphasis being placed on the collection of televisions and computer monitors. These two items contain a cathode ray tube (CRT) which is commonly referred to as the "picture tube". CRT's become waste management issues because they contain lead. A typical 27" TV contains 8 pounds of lead. If CRT's are disposed of in landfills and incinerators, it increases the likelihood of contaminating groundwater, surface water and air resources.

Realizing the need to offer its citizens a means to recycle televisions, computer monitors and other electronics, the District held two one-day recycling collections in July, one in Littleton and the other in Plymouth. Residents were asked to pay a fee for each electronics item they brought for recycling. The total amount collected for the two days was over 15,000 pounds. It was a very successful program when compared to the results of similar programs held this past year in New Hampshire and Vermont.

In 2003, the District plans to hold HHW collections in the spring (Littleton and Campton/Thornton) and in the fall (Plymouth). It will continue to coordinate the year-round collection of oil-based paint and fluorescent light bulbs and plans to hold electronics recycling collections again as well. The District takes very seriously the need to decrease the toxicity of our solid waste stream. Through these programs we feel we are serving the needs of our citizens while at the same time doing so in a cost-effective manner. The district will continue to promote its cooperative approach to solid waste and recycling as well. Without a doubt, District communities can minimize the costs of these programs when they work together.

Citizens interested in participating in the development of the District's programs are welcome to attend the District meetings. Information regarding the place and time of the meetings is available at all municipal offices.

LAKES REGION PLANNING COMMISSION – 2002

Submitted by Elaine Pantos, LRPC Administrative Assistant

With a service area covering over 1,200 square miles in Belknap, Carroll, Grafton and Merrimack Counties, the Lakes Region Planning Commission (LRPC) provides a wide range of planning services to its members. Our work program is as comprehensive as it is full, with activities ranging from technical assistance, geographic information systems, transportation, land use and environmental planning, to economic development. We are funded from multiple sources including local and state government, as well as special studies. LRPC is contacted many times each week for answers to local concerns. We also continue to maintain a regular dialogue with state agencies that depend on us as a resource for the entire Lakes Region. Our goal is to provide support and leadership to the region, its governments, businesses, and citizens.

Here are some of our services performed on behalf of Ashland and the region in the past fiscal year:

- Provided the Ashland Planning Board with information regarding an application for subdivision.
- Provided information on the definition of "reasonable" relative to issuing a permit/license for junkyard operations.
- Made arrangements for traffic counts to be done in the vicinity of the town's landfill.
- Provided town officials with information regarding planning board bylaws and rules of procedure.
- Provided information on identifying accessibility requirements for the mobility disabled at town beaches.
- Ordered and delivered to the Ashland Planning Board twelve copies and one CD ROM of the 2001-2002 NH Edition Planning and Land Use Regulation books at considerable savings.
- Performed over 160 traffic counts and several road inventories around the region, as the result of the annual work program with the NH Department of Transportation.
- Convened four area commission meetings that focused on Workforce Housing, Community Visioning, Intermodal Transportation Plans, and the National Ground Water Institute and Environmental Education.
- Facilitated several regional meetings that led to the construction of the Lakes Region Household Hazardous Product Facility in Wolfeboro.
- Produced the Annual Report on Development Trends in the Lakes Region.
- In cooperation with the NH Community Development Finance Authority, updated zoning maps for twenty-seven municipalities, and created a database of human services.
- Co-hosted and organized with the NH Municipal Association, three public Law Lectures where practicing attorneys provide a legal perspective on local planning, zoning, and other municipal issues.
- Hosted a regional National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) workshop in cooperation with the NH Office of State Planning and the NH Office of Emergency Management
- Initiated cooperative, regional efforts for groundwater protection, and for effective watershed planning.
- Increased capability to work with local communities to produce All Hazard Mitigation Plans.
- Prepared and adopted regional recommendations for Transportation Enhancement Funding.
- Continued to support the Pemigewasset River Local Advisory Committee.
- Represented the region on several committees including: the NH Transportation Enhancement Advisory Committee, the Statewide steering committee to update the NH Airport System Plan, the Belknap County Economic Development Council, the Northern Rail Task Force, among others.
- Contributed to area efforts interested in forming a Lakes Region Workforce Housing Action Committee, with participants from the private, municipal and non-profit sectors.
- Convened several meetings of the LRPC Transportation Technical Advisory Committee to improve transportation planning, project development, and communication around the region.

It has been a pleasure serving you, and we look forward to continuing our efforts to meet regional needs.

PEMI-BAKER HOME HEALTH AND HOSPICE

Submitted by Gail Lary, Chris Weden, Mary Ruell for Pemi-Baker Home Health and Hospice

Many exciting events have taken place over the past year. Perhaps the most significant one is that our agency, after nearly thirty-four years in business, has changed its name and logo ... a fresh new look to reflect our continued commitment to excellence in healthcare in the new millennium.

Pemi-Baker Home Health is a non-profit New Hampshire licensed Medicare Homecare and Hospice certified agency. Services include skilled nursing care, geriatric nursing, Physical Therapy, Speech Therapy, Occupational Therapy, Social Workers, Home Health Aides, Homemakers, home safety assessments, Alzheimer's Respite (by arrangement), blood pressure clinics, diabetic education and support, annual flu clinic, DNR program, Hospice program, Long Term Care program, ostomy education and support, Private Duty and Respiratory Therapy (by arrangement), Immunization clinics and community education programs.

Agency staff made 1941 visits in 2002 to the town of Ashland. Town appropriations, even though a small portion of our budget, help defray the cost of services either not covered at all or partially covered. Our charity care to those who cannot afford to pay for services along with inadequate funding from the state is lost revenue that continues to grow each year. Support from our towns as well as contributions to our annual fund campaign enable us to continue providing much needed services.

Some other significant programs have been initiated by the agency. We now use Telemonitoring devices in homes and can monitor high-risk cardiac patients by daily monitoring of their vital signs and weight. Another endeavor is collaboration with Speare Memorial Hospital that provides education and assessment of pregnant Medicaid recipients from one month into their pregnancy to one year of age for their child. Still another endeavor is our monthly health series that runs on channel 3 public access station. Current health topics are discussed with guest speakers and the programs to date have elicited very positive feedback and requests for more. Pemi-Baker continues to collaborate with Plymouth Regional Senior Center in the Adult Day Program that has been running since the summer.

The workforce shortage in nursing and other clinical direct care staff along with a burdensome regulatory system are but two factors that continue to challenge the home care industry as a whole. The road ahead continues to be paved with uncertainties as our population ages and health-care costs increase because of greater utilization. Pemi-Baker Home Health and Hospice will continue its commitment to quality programs and services that benefit our local communities.

VITAL RECORDS 2002

MARRIAGES 2002

2-Feb	TRACY BLANCHARD	ASHLAND	KATHLEEN C NEADS
6-Mar	TROY ALLEN BOYNTON	THORNTON	ERICA L. BOUTWELL
6-May	DEAN MARTIN MELANSON	ASHLAND	CHRISTINE THIBAULT
22-Jun	CHRISTOPHER GONZALEZ	ASHLAND	REBEKAH J SINGELAIS
22-Jun	CURTIS JOSEPH KLOPE	HILLSDALE, NJ	REBEKAH GAIL MARCROFT
24-Jun	FRANK H. MERRILL	LEWISTOWN, PA	RHONDA ALLEN HOCK
29-Jun	JACOB MAXWELL PALMER	ASHLAND	SAMANTHA SIMPSON
29-Jun	MICHAEL UHLMAN	ASHLAND	KRISTINA LONGRIO
30-Jun	JOHN LEARY	PLYMOUTH	JANICE DUFFY
6-Jul	ROBERT J. MCMAHON	ASHLAND	JEAN LEE TARR
6-Jul	EDWARD S. ACKLEY	ASHLAND	JEANNE M. ARTHUR
22-Aug	WILLIAM C. FOGG	ASHLAND	LORI LYNN LAPRANCE
28-Sep	SCOTT JOSEPH MARUCCI	ASHLAND	PATRICIA MARIA FULLER
5-Oct	CHARLES FRANK FLETCHER	ASHLAND	DONNA C. RUSSELL
5-Oct	JOSEPH GRAY	ASHLAND	KIMBERLY L. KNIGHT
14-Oct	TONY P. Di GIROLAMO	NATICK, MA	CORINNE M. KALABASA

BIRTHS 2002

CHILD'S NAME	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME	PLACE OF BIRTH
22-Jan	ANDREW JOSEPH VACHON	MICHAEL VACHON	LACONIA, NH
25-Feb	MARY ANTOINETTE ST GODARD	ANDREW ST GODARD	LACONIA, NH
29-Mar	ERIN MARIE CROWLEY	KEVIN CROWLEY	LACONIA, NH
25-Jun	CONNOR DANIEL COREY	DANIEL COREY	CONCORD, NH
25-Jun	ERIN SINEAD HOLLORAN	PATRICK HOLLORAN	LACONIA, NH
13-Jul	ALYCIA NICOLE POITRAS	ETHAN POITRAS	PLYMOUTH, NH

DEATHS 2002

NAME	PLACE OF DEATH	FATHER'S NAME	MOTHER'S NAME
4-Jan	THOMAS C SWEENEY JR	ASHLAND	THOMAS C SWEENEY SR
2-Jan	JOHN DOUGLAS DUFFY	ASHLAND	JAMES W DUFFY
6-Feb	MARY TAPPAN	PLYMOUTH	PHILIP SESPAÑIÁK
14-Feb	MICHELENE GOODWIN	ASHLAND	MICHAEL MYSKO
3-Apr	PHILIP E GAMMONS	PLYMOUTH	PHILIP GAMMONS
5-Apr	THOMAS C NOCITO	PLYMOUTH	MICHAEL NOCITO
8-Apr	MAUREEN G EVELTH	PLYMOUTH	RICHARD ELDIDGE
3-May	GLADYS L KING	LEBANON	JOHN PIKE
29-May	JAMES E LEAHY SR	ASHLAND	MICHAEL LEAHY
13-Jul	PAULINE GLIDDEN	ASHLAND	ALBERT F TEAGUE
5-Sep	ELIZABETH A. BARTSCHERER	ASHLAND	FRANK MARTIN

INVENTORY OF TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	ACRES	LAND VALUE	BUILDING VALUE	BOOK	PAGE
003-002-004	96 COLLINS STREET - LANDFILL	28.4	\$ 71,400.00	\$ 27,300.00	1142	551 6/9/71
003-003-001	NEW HAMPTON TOWNLINE	3.4	\$ 4,300.00			
003-003-002	137 COLLIN STREET - WWTF	108	\$ 153,200.00	\$ 6,460,000.00	1016	222 4/22/65
004-001-003	72 CEDAR LANE - PUMP STATION	36.34	\$ 162,400.00	\$ 77,000.00	2191	54 4/15/96
004-002-015	JCT HILLSIDE AVE/MAIN STREET	0.44	\$ 8,600.00			
004-004-001	99 MAIN ST-BALLPARK/BOOSTERCLUB	7	\$ 60,100.00	\$ 71,700.00	562	119
	DEED - SULLIVAN				826	71 11/1/52
	DEED - SPAULDING				969	156 4/30/62
	DEED - KILPATRICK				770	328
	DEED - BROWN				1087	510 1/8/69
	DEED - KNAPP				2394	653 5/24/99
011-003-008	RTE 3/OWL BROOK ROAD	0.05	\$ 2,800.00		2394	651 5/24/99
011-003-010	RTE 3/OWL BROOK ROAD	0.04	\$ 3,800.00			
011-006-004	LEAVITT HILL RD-EDWARD DOGGETT BEACH	1.5	\$ 315,800.00	\$ 800.00	863	431 5/18/55
012-005-003	LEAVITT HILL RD-EDWARD DOGGETT CAMPGROUND	5.2	\$ 158,200.00	\$ 20,700.00		
014-001-001	HYDRO DAM ON STATE LAND			\$ 106,100.00	1043	243 Aug-66
014-001-020	RIVER STREET/BOAT LAUNCH	0.15	\$ 25,200.00			
015-001-020	RIVER STREET/CROSS ROAD	1.1	\$ 15,200.00		549	503
015-002-019	RIVER STREET	1.4			471	126
015-002-020	RIVER STREET	0.04	\$ 1,800.00		1109	519 3/3/70
015-002-021	RIVER STREET	1.3	\$ 700.00		2394	652 5/24/99
016-002-001	HIGHLAND AND MAIN STREET	0.046	\$ 4,700.00			
016-003-020	EDUCATION WAY-ASHLAND SCHOOLS	26	\$ 149,000.00	\$ 2,689,500.00		
016-007-001	20 HIGHLAND ST - TOWN HALL	0.61	\$ 39,000.00	\$ 205,100.00	1167	405 7/3/72
016-009-004	RIVERSIDE DRIVE	0.06	\$ 4,300.00		2155	649 8/24/95
					2155	653 8/24/95
016-009-009	MAIN ST/RIVERSIDE DR - MEM. PARK	0.94	\$ 24,900.00	\$ 1,000.00		

DEED - MARINE LAND	DEED - SIRLES LAND	DEED - ST/DEPOT STREET	DEED - SIRLES LAND	DEED - MARINE LAND
0117-001	MAIN ST/DEPOT STREET	0.07	\$ 1,200.00	
0117-006-009	12 PLEASANT ST-WHIPPLE HOUSE	0.93	\$ 11,600.00	\$ 160,200.00
0117-007-001	41 MAIN ST -SCRIBNER LIBRARY	0.4	\$ 39,300.00	\$ 137,200.00
0117-007-012	MAIN STREET-LEGION BLD LAND	0.75	\$ 39,300.00	EMMA SCRIBNER WILL 1/35
0117-008-001	MAIN AND MECHANIC STREET	0.31	\$ 31,400.00	712 169
0117-009-001	9 MAIN STREET-FIRE STATION	0.59	\$ 51,900.00	661 84
0117-011-002	DEPOT STREET	0.02	\$ 700.00	
0117-013-008	WASHINGTON STREET	0.402	\$ 5,500.00	2394 650
0118-001-001	6 COLLINS STREET - TOWN GARAGE	3.5	\$ 40,500.00	\$ 310,200.00
0118-004-002	HAROLD AVERY STREET	0.55	\$ 5,700.00	1359 656
0118-004-002	HAROLD AVERY STREET	0.52	\$ 5,800.00	1416 659
0118-004-034	HAROLD AVERY ST-WATER TOWER	1.2	\$ 8,400.00	\$ 375,200.00
				1424 233
				6117/81 6117/81

Source - Deeds and Previous Town Reports

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY - 2002

USE	ADDRESS	BUILDING VALUE	VALUE OF CONTENTS	MOBILE EQUIPMENT	MISC
TOWN OFFICE (INCLUDES POLICE)	20 HIGHLAND STREET	\$ 242,600	\$ 200,000		
FIRE STATION	9 MAIN STREET	\$ 393,300	\$ 100,000	\$ 18,100	
LIBRARY	41 MAIN STREET	\$ 175,600	\$ 350,000		
HISTORICAL MUSEUM	12 PLEASANT STREET	\$ 171,800	\$ 50,000		
TOWN GARAGE	18 COLLINS STREET	\$ 304,000	\$ 200,000	\$ 130,300	
STORAGE SHED-ELECTRIC	COLLINS STREET	\$ 1,650	\$ 30,000	\$ 29,900	
STORAGE SHED (4) AT HIGHWAY	COLLINS STREET	\$ 58,000	\$ 50,000		
SEWER PLANT - 5 BUILDINGS	137 COLLINS STREET	\$ 6,613,200	\$ 250,000		
SUBSTATION		\$ 75,000		\$ 52,901	
PARK/RECREATION BLD		\$ 71,700	\$ 40,000		
BATH HOSUE		\$ 20,700	\$ 1,000		
SQUAM RIVER COVERED BRIDGE				\$ 260,000	
REPEATER ANTENNA	PEPPERCORN ROAD			\$ 6,000	
WATER TREATMENT PLANT	72 CEDAR LANE	\$ 77,000	\$ 300,000		
TWO DUGOUTS - BALLPARK	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 3,400			
GAZEBO - BALLPARK	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 3,500			
PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT	99 MAIN STREET			\$ 2,500	
CONCESSION STAND-BALLPARK	99 MAIN STREET	\$ 800			
GATE HOUSE-ASHLAND BEACH	LEAVITT HILL ROAD	\$ 1,000			
WATER STORAGE TANK					
TRANSFER STATION - LANDFILL	96 COLLINS STREET	\$ 30,000		\$ 10,000	

***Source: New Hampshire Municipal Association Property Schuddele

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SUMMARY INVENTORY OF VALUATION

VALUE OF LAND ONLY

CURRENT USE	\$ 272,504
CONSERVATION RESTRICTION	\$ 1,509
RESIDENTIAL	\$ 30,145,463
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	\$ 6,507,900
 TOTAL TAXABLE LAND	\$ 36,927,376

VALUE OF BUILDINGS ONLY

RESIDENTIAL	\$ 49,423,950
MANUFACTURED HOUSING	\$ 1,246,900
COMMERCIAL/INDUSTRIAL	\$ 16,076,150
 TOTAL TAXABLE BUILDINGS	\$ 66,747,000

PUBLIC UTILITIES

ELECTRIC UTILITIES	\$ 1,039,440
 TOTAL PUBLIC UTILITIES	\$ 1,039,440

VALUATION BEFORE EXEMPTIONS

BLIND EXEMPTIONS	\$ 60,000
ELDERLY EXEMPTIONS	\$ 870,266
 TOTAL EXEMPTIONS ALLOWED	\$ 930,266

Net valuation on which the tax rate for Municipal, county, local tax is computed	\$ 103,783,550
Net valuation on which the tax rate for state education tax is computed	\$ 102,744,110

This information is taken from the MS-1 (2002 Summary Valuation of Inventory)

TAX RATE COMPUTATIONS - 2002

TOWN PORTION		
TOTAL TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 5,724,915	
LESS - REVENUES	\$ 3,960,705	
LESS- SHARED REVENUES	\$ 33,105	
ADD - OVERLAY	\$ 15,322	
ADD - WAR SERVICE CREDITS	\$ 16,600	
NET TOWN APPROPRIATIONS	\$ 1,763,027	
APPROVED TOWN/CITY TAX EFFORT	\$ 1,763,027	
MUNICIPAL TAX RATE	\$ 16.98	
SCHOOL PORTION		
NET LOCAL SCHOOL BUDGET	\$ 1,944,917	
REGIONAL SCHOOL APPORTIONMENT	\$ 1,034,957	
LESS- ADEQUATE EDUCATION GRANT	\$ (775,763)	
LESS- STATE EDUCATION TAXES	\$ (676,747)	
APPROVED SCHOOL(S) TAX EFFORT	\$ 1,527,364	
LOCAL EDUCATION TAX RATE	\$ 14.72	
STATE EDUCATION TAXES		
EQUALIZATION VALUATION (NO UTILITIES) X \$5.80	\$ 676,747	
STATE SCHOOL RATE	\$ 6.59	
COUNTY PORTION		
DUE TO COUNTY	\$ 186,368	
LESS- SHARED REVENUES	\$ (3,824)	
APPROVED COUNTY TAX EFFORT	\$ 182,544	
COUNTY TAX RATE	\$ 1.76	
COMBINE TAX RATE	\$ 40.05	
TOTAL PROPERTY TAXES ASSESSED	\$ 4,149,682	
LESS - WAR SERVICE CREDITS	\$ (16,600)	
TOTAL PROPERTY TAX COMMITMENT	\$ 4,133,082	
PROOF OF RATE		
NET ASSESSED VALUATIONS	TAX RATE	ASSESSMENT
STATE EDUCATION TAX	\$ 6.59	\$ 676,747
ALL OTHER TAXES	\$ 33.46	\$ 3,472,935
<i>Signed by</i>	<i>Barbara Robinson</i>	
	<i>10/22/02</i>	

GENERAL LONG TERM DEBT ACCOUNTS

NAME OF ACCOUNT	PRINCIPAL PAYMENT	INTEREST PAYMENT	PRINCIPAL BAL DUE
	YEAR 2002	YEAR 2002	
LANDFILL CLOSURE BOND	\$ 127,527.00	\$ 1,681.00	PAID
WATER SYSTEM BOND \$300,000 @ 4.501% FINAL PAYMENT 2026	\$ 8,258.00	\$ 12,469.00	\$ 271,140.00
SEWER LAGOON AERATION BOND	\$ 123,715.00	\$ 1,732.00	PAID
WATER PROJECT \$1,600,000 @ 4.501% FINAL PAYMENT 2025	\$ 36,894.00	\$ 54,755.00	\$ 1,400,077.00
WATER BONDS \$448,000 @ 5.4 - 8.25% FINAL PAYMENT 2012	\$ 15,000.00	\$ 13,560.00	\$ 150,000.00
FIRE TRUCK LEASE \$210,600 @ 7.33% FINAL PAYMENT 2005	\$ 18,458.00	\$ 4,172.00	\$ 46,808.00
DEFICIT BOND \$2,000,000 @ 5.75% FINAL PAYMENT 2004	\$ 804,000.00	\$ 54,789.00	\$ 396,000.00
RIVER STREET IMPROVEMENT - R1 \$971,000 @ 4.5% FINAL PAYMENT 2030	\$ 16,918.00	\$ 43,700.00	\$ 954,183.00
RIVER STREET IMPROVEMENT - R2 \$412,905 @ 4.5% FINAL PAYMENT 2030	\$ 7,194.00	\$ 18,581.00	\$ 405,712.00
FIRE DEPARTMENT UNIFORM \$28,320 @ 4.5% FINAL PAYMENT 2006	\$ 6,093.00	\$ 105.00	\$ 22,228.00

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

2002

Submitted by Patricia Tucker, Town Clerk

The Town Clerk's office is open for your convenience Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 8AM – 4PM and Thursday from 8AM to 5PM. We are available for motor vehicle registrations, dog licenses, vital records, voter registration as well as information concerning the Town of Ashland.

Your 2002 dog licenses expire on April 30, 2003. This office thanks you for your cooperation in getting your dogs licensed in a timely manner.

The following is an unaudited account of the town clerk receipts:

Motor Vehicle Registrations	\$246,400.78
Dog Fees Paid to Town	\$ 1,957.50
Dog Fees to state	\$ 924.50
Vital Record Fees – Town	\$ 295.00
Vital Record Fees - State	\$ 789.00
UCC fees and filing fees	\$ 2,117.00
Miscellaneous Fees	\$ 165.74

TAX COLLECTOR

Submitted by Patricia Tucker

The following pages are the unaudited report from the tax collector. Remember that we can accept payments at any time through the year. Partial payments keep the amount of interest that you have to pay lower. Please call this office if we can be of any help to you.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Ashland Year Ending 2002

DEBITS

UNCOLLECTED TAXES- BEG. OF YEAR*		Levy for Year of this Report	PRIOR LEVIES		
			2001	(PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	
Property Taxes	#3110	xxxxxx	294434,78		
Resident Taxes	#3180		0.00		
Land Use Change	#3120		0.00		
Yield Taxes	#3185		0.00		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187		0.00		
Utility Charges	#3189		0.00		
Avery St Betterment			98.44		

TAXES COMMITTED THIS YEAR

Property Taxes	#3110	4134163.88	0.00
Resident Taxes	#3180	0.00	0.00
Land Use Change	#3120	2100.00	0.00
Yield Taxes	#3185	3981.16	0.00
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	32.00	0.00
Utility Charges	#3189	0.00	0.00
In lieu of taxes		29656.19	0.00

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OVERPAYMENT:

Property Taxes	#3110	1682.46	0.00		
Resident Taxes	#3180	0.00	0.00		
Land Use Change	#3120	0.00	0.00		
Yield Taxes	#3185	0.00	0.00		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	#3187	0.00	0.00		
Interest - Late Tax	#3190	2152.99	17412.80		
Resident Tax Penalty	#3190				
TOTAL DEBITS		\$ 4173768,68	\$ 311946,02	\$	\$

*This amount should be the same as the last year's ending balance. If not, please explain.

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 COMMUNITY SERVICES DIVISION
 MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
 (603)271-3397

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Ashland Year Ending 2002

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER	Levy for this Year	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	
		2001	
Property Taxes	3842640.76	294238.52	
Resident Taxes	0.00	0.00	
Land Use Change	2100.00	0.00	
Yield Taxes	1462.41	0.00	
Interest (include lien conversion)	2152.99	17412.80	
Penalties			
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	32.00	0.00	
Utility Charges in lieu of taxes	29656.19	0.00	
Conversion to Lien (principal only)	.		
Credits 2003	5153.58		
Avery Street Betterment DISCOUNTS ALLOWED		98.44	

ABATEMENTS MADE

Property Taxes	334.91	196.26		
Resident Taxes	0.00	0.00		
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00		
Yield Taxes	0.00	0.00		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	0.00	0.00		
Utility Charges				
CURRENT LEVY DEEDED				

UNCOLLECTED TAXES - END OF YEAR #1080

Property Taxes	292870.67	0.00		
Resident Taxes	0.00	0.00		
Land Use Change	0.00	0.00		
Yield Taxes	2518.75	0.00		
Excavation Tax @ \$.02/yd	0.00	0.00		
Utility Charges	0.00	0.00		
Credits 2003	(5153.58)			
TOTAL CREDITS	\$ 4173768.68	\$ 311946.02	\$	\$

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

For the Municipality of Ashland Year Ending 2002

DEBITS

	Last Year's Levy 2002	PRIOR LEVIES		
		2001	2000 (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)	1999 -
Unredeemed Liens Balance at Beg. of Fiscal Year		126249.17	59576.03	1165.27
Liens Executed During Fiscal Year	121909.20			
Interest & Costs Collected (AFTER LIEN EXECUTION)	2774.58	15649.06	17064.66	3509.84
TOTAL DEBITS	\$ 124683.78	\$ 141898.23	\$ 76640.69	\$ 4675.11

CREDITS

REMITTED TO TREASURER:	Last Year's Levy	PRIOR LEVIES (PLEASE SPECIFY YEARS)		
Redemptions	39041.55	74968.71	48333.74	1165.27
Interest & Costs Collected (After Lien Execution)	#3190	2774.58	15649.06	17064.66
				3509.84
Abatements of Unredeemed Taxes		223.43		
Liens Deeded to Municipality				
Unredeemed Liens Balance End of Year	#1110	82867.65	51057.03	11242.29
TOTAL CREDITS		\$ 124683.78	\$ 141898.23	\$ 76640.69
				\$ 4675.11

Does your municipality commit taxes on a semi-annual basis (RSA 76:15-a) ? Yes

TAX COLLECTOR'S SIGNATURE

Patricia TuellerDATE 1/22/03

ANNUAL TREASURER'S REPORT

Submitted by Linda D. Guyotte, Treasurer

CHECKING ACCOUNTS	TOWN	ELECTRIC	WATER	SEWER
Beginning Balance January 1, 2002	\$ 1,536,570.41	\$ 163,718.02	\$ -	\$ -
Deposits	\$ 14,634,328.43	\$ 4,427,579.31	\$ 177,515.99	\$ 632,223.49
Expenditures	\$ (14,985,897.16)	\$ (4,497,120.35)	\$ (103,007.56)	\$ (507,288.34)
Interest	\$ 8,684.77	\$ 2,323.13	\$ 242.81	\$ 1,555.78
TOTAL	\$ 1,193,686.45	\$ 96,500.11	\$ 74,751.24	\$ 126,490.93
PROOF OF BALANCE				
MVSB Checking Account	\$ 47,728.03	\$ 6,485.62	\$ -	\$ -
MVSB Cash Manager	\$ 1,145,958.42	\$ 90,014.49	\$ 74,751.24	\$ 126,490.93
TOTAL MEREDITH VILLAGE SAVINGS 12/31/02	\$ 1,193,686.45	\$ 96,500.11	\$ 74,751.24	\$ 126,490.93
INVESTED FUNDS				
Beginning Balance	\$ 504,361.89	\$ 400,000.00	\$ 35,000.00	\$ 175,000.00
Withdrawals	\$ (463,000.00)	\$ (340,000.00)	\$ -	\$ -
Interest	\$ 3,452.62	\$ 1,825.97	\$ 149.06	\$ 745.28
TOTAL	\$ 44,814.51	\$ 61,825.97	\$ 35,149.06	\$ 175,745.28
PROOF OF BALANCE				
NH PUBLIC DEPOSIT INVESTMENT POOL 12/31/02	\$ 44,814.51	\$ 61,825.97	\$ 34,149.06	\$ 175,745.28
MEREDITH VILLAGE SAVINGS BANK	\$ 300,000.00			
INTEREST	\$ 3,065.47			
TOTAL	\$ 303,065.47			
PROOF OF BALANCE - MVSB 12/31/02	\$ 303,065.47			
TOTAL CASH ON HAND DEC 31, 2002	\$ 1,238,500.96	\$ 461,391.55	\$ 108,900.30	\$ 302,236.61

Report of the Trust Fund of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire on December 31, 2002

Report of the Trust Fund of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire on December 31, 2002

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Date of Creation	Name and Purpose of Trust	Purpose of Trust Fund	Principal			Beginning Balance	Income	Increase (decrease) in Fair Value	Expended	Ending Balance	Findings	Total Principal and Income
			Beginning Balance	New Funds Created	Capital Gains(Losses)							
Cemetery Care Trusts:												
08/29/2019	Thomas Cheney	Cemetery	450.00			450.00	139.45	10.65	(76.87)	0.00	73.23	523.23
1/1/15/2022	Francella Perkins	Cemetery	500.00			500.00	154.95	11.84	(85.41)	0.00	81.38	581.38
07/02/2029	Jennie York	Cemetery	250.00			250.00	77.48	5.92	(42.71)	0.00	40.69	290.69
04/15/1930	Blanche Rogers	Cemetery	100.00			100.00	30.99	2.37	(17.08)	0.00	16.28	116.28
02/17/1933	Blanche Nichols	Cemetery	150.00			150.00	46.49	3.55	(25.62)	0.00	24.42	174.42
1/1/19/1939	Batchelder Thompson	Cemetery	400.00			400.00	123.96	9.47	(68.33)	0.00	65.10	465.10
03/01/1940	Julia Tangney	Cemetery	100.00			100.00	30.99	2.37	(17.08)	0.00	16.28	116.28
03/09/1940	Alice Mitchell	Cemetery	100.00			100.00	30.99	2.37	(17.08)	0.00	16.28	116.28
12/31/1941	Almae Dupuis	Cemetery	100.00			100.00	30.99	2.37	(17.08)	0.00	16.28	116.28
01/26/1942	Deacon James Huckins	Cemetery	100.00			100.00	30.99	2.37	(17.08)	0.00	16.28	116.28
01/26/1942	James Ford Huckins	Cemetery	100.00			100.00	30.99	2.37	(17.08)	0.00	16.28	116.28
08/24/1943	Draper Corliss	Cemetery	100.00			100.00	30.99	2.37	(17.08)	0.00	16.28	116.28
04/28/1944	Perkins-Vitulum-Cheney	Cemetery	1,500.00			1,500.00	464.85	35.51	(256.23)	0.00	244.13	1,744.13
04/28/1944	Clarence Cheney Smith	Cemetery	1,000.00			1,000.00	309.90	23.67	(170.82)	0.00	162.75	1,162.75
05/26/1944	Frank Fifield	Cemetery	100.00			100.00	30.99	2.37	(17.08)	0.00	16.28	116.28
04/27/1945	C. T. Clough	Cemetery	100.00			100.00	30.99	2.37	(17.08)	0.00	16.28	116.28
09/22/1945	Nellic Smythe	Cemetery	200.00			200.00	61.98	4.73	(34.16)	0.00	32.55	232.55
02/12/1946	S.B. Cummings	Cemetery	150.00			150.00	46.49	3.55	(25.62)	0.00	24.42	174.42
02/12/1946	Julia Nichols	Cemetery	100.00			100.00	30.99	2.37	(17.08)	0.00	16.28	116.28
02/12/1946	Frank & Sarah Smith	Cemetery	200.00			200.00	61.98	4.73	(34.16)	0.00	32.55	232.55
03/24/1946	Margaret Horrigan	Cemetery	100.00			100.00	30.99	2.37	(17.08)	0.00	16.28	116.28
01/25/1950	Guy Torsey	Cemetery	200.00			200.00	61.98	4.73	(34.16)	0.00	32.55	232.55
08/27/1950	Frank Robic	Cemetery	150.00			150.00	46.49	3.55	(25.62)	0.00	24.42	174.42
10/3/1951	Walter B. Brown	Cemetery	400.00			400.00	123.96	9.47	(68.33)	0.00	65.10	465.10
10/31/1951	Hodgdon & Pollard	Cemetery	400.00			400.00	123.96	9.47	(68.33)	0.00	65.10	465.10
10/01/1953	Gove Rogers	Cemetery	100.00			100.00	30.99	2.37	(17.08)	0.00	16.28	116.28
08/16/1956	Dona Guyotie	Cemetery	150.00			150.00	46.49	3.55	(25.62)	0.00	24.42	174.42
02/14/1960	Bertha C. Boynton	Cemetery	250.00			250.00	77.48	5.92	(42.71)	0.00	40.69	290.69
07/11/1961	Maritha Cummings	Cemetery	200.00			200.00	61.98	4.73	(34.16)	0.00	32.55	232.55
03/12/1964	Josie Lamond	Cemetery	200.00			200.00	61.98	4.73	(34.16)	0.00	32.55	232.55
08/28/1946	James C. Hinds	Cemetery	200.00			200.00	61.98	4.73	(34.16)	0.00	32.55	232.55
09/20/1967	Lucien St. Arnould	Cemetery	200.00			200.00	61.98	4.73	(34.16)	0.00	32.55	232.55
06/30/1969	Drew Weeks Loi	Cemetery	200.00			200.00	61.98	4.73	(34.16)	0.00	32.55	232.55
12/17/1969	Marie Young	Cemetery	68.91			68.91		1.25	(8.99)	0.00	(7.74)	61.17
			8,818.91	0.00	0.00	8,818.91	2,711.65	208.40	(1,503.69)		1,416.42	10,235.33

SCRIBNER MEMORIAL TRUST

Submitted by Edward A. Dupuis, Sam Norman, Richard Ogden

Richard Pare, Raymond Burke

Balance as of December 31, 2001		\$ 181,655.55
	2001	2002
Expenses:		
Maintenance	\$ 3,495.80	\$ 4,972.22
Supplies	\$ 2,991.86	\$ 567.90
Garbage	\$ 122.00	\$ 163.50
Insurance	\$ 849.00	\$ 919.00
FICA	\$ 461.36	\$ 528.10
Trustees	\$ 1,292.87	\$ 1,385.22
Bookkeeper	\$ 554.10	\$ 923.50
Fuel	\$ 660.56	\$ 999.10
Misc.	\$ 5,064.00	\$ 4,062.75
TOTAL	\$ 15,491.55	\$ 14,521.29
Income:		
Pioneer II	\$ 513.18	\$ -
MVSB Interest	\$ 49.68	\$ 3.37
Putnam Div on Income	\$ 5,483.53	\$ 3,816.47
Inc. Fund of America	\$ 3,210.03	\$ 2,342.49
Transferred Funds-CD	\$ 5,129.42	
TOTAL	\$ 14,385.84	\$ 6,162.33
Decrease in Fair Value of Investments		\$ (22,332.19)
Account Balances:		
MVSB 23479801	\$ 6,047.77	\$ 3,961.99
MVSB 14364	\$ 174.06	\$ 178.61
Inc. Fund of America - value	\$ 61,614.60	\$ 56,107.21
Cash Balance	\$ 82.15	\$ 78.15
Pioneer II - Value	\$ 61,459.76	\$ 45,038.62
Putnam Diversified - value	\$ 52,277.21	\$ 45,599.82
TOTAL	\$ 181,655.55	\$ 150,964.40
Balance as of December 31, 2002		\$ 150,964.40

STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND TAXES ASSESSED

For the tax year 2002 of the Town of Ashland in Grafton County*

	2002 Budget	Actual Expenditures	Encumbrances	Balance Remaining
General Government				
Executive	\$ 5,135.00	\$ 3,726.00		\$ 1,409.00
Election, Registration, Vitals	\$ 25,025.00	\$ 26,154.00		\$ (1,129.00)
Financial Administration	\$ 264,922.00	\$ 221,007.00		\$ 43,915.00
Revaluation of Property	\$ 56,000.00	\$ 17,823.00	\$ 33,275.00	\$ 4,902.00
Legal Expense	\$ 50,000.00	\$ 17,817.00		\$ 32,183.00
Personnel Administration	\$ 1.00	\$ 2,760.00		\$ (2,759.00)
Planning and Zoning	\$ 3,250.00	\$ 2,256.00		\$ 994.00
General Government Buildings	\$ 31,081.00	\$ 18,241.00		\$ 12,840.00
Cemeteries	\$ 500.00	\$ 500.00		\$ -
Insurance	\$ 78,035.00	\$ 56,939.00		\$ 21,096.00
Advertising/Regional Assoc.	\$ 1,770.00	\$ 1,770.00		\$ -
Other General Government	\$ 20,000.00	\$ 3,726.00		\$ 16,274.00
Public Safety				\$ -
Police	\$ 398,623.00	\$ 392,027.00	\$ 6,596.00	\$ -
Ambulance	\$ 26,691.00	\$ 26,691.00		\$ -
Fire	\$ 102,639.00	\$ 95,726.00		\$ 6,913.00
Building Inspection	\$ 5,685.00	\$ 7,275.00		\$ (1,590.00)
Emergency Management	\$ 2,000.00	\$ -		\$ 2,000.00
Highways and Streets				\$ -
Administration	\$ 158,654.00	\$ 134,886.00		\$ 23,768.00
Highways and Streets	\$ 176,260.00	\$ 171,662.00		\$ 4,598.00
Bridges	\$ 350.00	\$ 600.00		\$ (250.00)
Town Mechanic	\$ 49,253.00	\$ 50,923.00		\$ (1,670.00)
Street Lighting	\$ 41,402.00	\$ 32,474.00		\$ 8,928.00
Sanitation				\$ -
Solid Waste Disposal	\$ 128,761.00	\$ 132,513.00		\$ (3,752.00)
Health				\$ -
Administration	\$ 1,596.00	\$ 1,470.00		\$ 126.00
Pest Control	\$ 3,800.00	\$ 2,425.00		\$ 1,375.00
Welfare				\$ -
Administration/Assistance	\$ 18,431.00	\$ 20,201.00		\$ (1,770.00)
Vendor Payments & Other	\$ 19,858.00	\$ 19,524.00		\$ 334.00
Culture and Recreation				\$ -
Parks and Recreation	\$ 131,930.00	\$ 125,595.00		\$ 6,335.00
Library	\$ 40,000.00	\$ 40,000.00		\$ -
Patriotic Purposes	\$ 5,092.00	\$ 4,900.00		\$ 192.00
Town Trustees				\$ 2.00
Conservation	\$ 648.00	\$ 646.00		\$ -
Debt Service				\$ -
Principal-Long Term	\$ 1,140,504.00	\$ 1,144,323.00		\$ (3,819.00)
Interest - Long Term	\$ 219,574.00	\$ 197,664.00		\$ 21,910.00
Interest - TAN	\$ 1.00	\$ 2,562.00		\$ (2,561.00)
Capital Outlay	\$ 33,356.00	# \$ 33,016.00		\$ 340.00
Warrant Articles	\$ 80,147.00	\$ 66,505.00	\$ 13,642.00	\$ -
				\$ -
				\$ -
Total General Fund				\$ -
Operating Transfers				\$ -
Out to Enterprise Funds				\$ -
Municipal Sewer fund	\$ 258,610.00	\$ 234,521.00		\$ 24,089.00
Municipal Water Fund	\$ 147,135.00	\$ 122,259.00		\$ 24,876.00
Municipal Electric Fund	\$ 2,358,013.00	\$ 1,864,760.00		\$ 493,253.00
				\$ -
				\$ -

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT ON FINANCIAL PRESENTATION

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Ashland
Ashland, New Hampshire

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Ashland as of and for the year ended December 31, 2002, as listed in the table of contents. These financial statements are the responsibility of management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall general-purpose financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

The general-purpose financial statements referred to above do not include the general fixed assets account group, which should be included in order to conform with generally accepted accounting principles. As is the case with most municipal entities in the State of New Hampshire, the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire has not maintained historical cost records of its fixed assets. The amount that should be recorded in the general fixed assets account group is not known.

In our opinion, except for the effect on the financial statements of the omission described in the preceding paragraph, the general-purpose financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire, as of December 31, 2002, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types and nonexpendable trust funds for the year then ended in conformity with generally accepted accounting principles.

Our audit was performed for the purpose of forming an opinion on the basic financial statements taken as a whole. The accompanying schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in the audit of the general-purpose financial statements and, in our opinion, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

Paul J. Mercier, Jr. CPA

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January 24, 2003

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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S COMMUNICATION OF REPORTABLE CONDITIONS AND OTHER MATTERS

To the Members of the Board of Selectmen
Town of Ashland
Ashland, New Hampshire

In planning and performing our audit of the Town of Ashland, New Hampshire for the year ended December 31, 2002, we considered the Town's internal control structure in order to determine the scope of our auditing procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements. Our review of these systems was not intended to provide assurance on the internal control structure and should not be relied on for that purpose.

Under the standards established by the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants, reportable conditions involve matters coming to our attention relating to significant deficiencies in the design or operation of the internal control structure that, in our judgment, could adversely affect the Town's ability to record, process, summarize, and report financial data consistent with the assertions of management in the financial statements. A material weakness is a reportable condition in which the design or operation of one or more of the internal control structure elements does not reduce to a relatively low level the risk that errors or irregularities, in amounts that would be material in relation to the financial statements being audited, may occur and not be detected within a timely period by employees in the normal course of performing their assigned functions. Our consideration of the internal control structure would not necessarily disclose all matters in the internal control structure that might constitute reportable conditions and, accordingly, would not necessarily disclose all reportable conditions that are also considered to be material weaknesses as defined above.

We are pleased by the progress that Town employees have made to re-establish in-house accounting functions and to develop routine monthly procedures to verify the accuracy of those records. Personnel continue to develop their individual skills and as a result we are happy to report that our audit disclosed no matters that were considered material weaknesses as defined above. Minor weaknesses or other considerations coming to our attention were generally procedural in nature and dealt with administrative or record keeping practices. In these instances, we made specific recommendations or provided instruction to those individuals involved over the course of the fiscal year or during our audit fieldwork. Areas of opportunity for further consideration include:

- Development of fixed asset accounting records and
- other preparations for implementing GASB #34 reporting requirements

As independent auditors, we will continue to monitor activities and provide training for accounting personnel as needed through the coming year.

This report is intended solely for the information and use of management as an aid in improving systems and procedures. It is not intended for and should not be used for any other purpose.

Paul J. Mercier, Jr. CPA
The Mercier Group, a professional corporation
January 24, 2003

2003

**ASHLAND
TOWN WARRANT
AND
BUDGET**

**Town of Ashland
State of New Hampshire
Warrant – Year 2003**

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Ashland in the County of Grafton in said State, qualified to Vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Ashland Public School Gymnasium in said Town on Saturday, February 1, 2003 at 1:00 p.m. to act upon the following articles. Vote by official ballot will take place on March 11, 2003 at the School Gymnasium. Polls will be open from 9:00 a.m. and will close no earlier than 7:00 p.m.

**** THE FOLLOWING WARRANT IS A RESULT OF ANY AMENDMENTS MADE AT THE FEBRUARY 1, 2003 DELIBERATIVE SESSION.**

Article 1:

To choose all of the following officers for the year ensuing:

Board of Selectmen – 3 year term
Town Treasurer – 1 year term
Town Trustee – 3 year term
Library Trustee – 3 year term
Library Trustee – 1 year term
Budget Committee Member – 3 year term (4 positions)
Budget Committee Member – 2 year term (2 positions)
Electric Commissioner – 3 year term
Water & Sewer Commissioner – 3 year term

Article 2:

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) for the purpose of maintaining and repairing Town Roads and to authorize the issuance of not more than Four Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$400,000) of bonds or notes; further, to authorize the Board of Selectmen to issue and negotiate such bonds or notes and to determine the rate of interest thereon and to take all other actions reasonably necessary to give effect to this appropriation. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommend this article. (3/5-majority vote required)

Article 3:

To see if the Town will vote to discontinue the existing Police, Fire and Highway Equipment Capital Reserve Fund and to transfer the funds in the amount of \$11,122.80 plus interest to date into the present Capital Reserve Fund known as the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommend this article. (2/3 vote required)

Article 4:

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the amount of nine thousand dollars (\$9,000) to be placed in the Highway Truck Capital Reserve Fund. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required).

Article 5:

To see if the Town will vote to approve the cost items included in the collective bargaining agreement reached between the Board of Selectmen and the State Employees Association of New Hampshire SEIU Local 1984, AFL-CIO, CLC, which calls for the following increases in salaries and benefits: Year 2003 \$9,679; Year 2004 \$13,244; Year 2005 \$13,642 ; Year 2006 \$14,052; Year 2007 \$14,473 and further to raise and appropriate the sum of \$9,679 for the current year, such sum representing the additional cost attributed to the increase in salaries and benefits over those of the appropriation at current staffing levels paid in the prior fiscal year. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 6:

To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$87,725 for the purpose of repairing the Edward N. Doggett Beach. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommend this article. (Majority Vote Required).

Article 7:

To see if the Town will authorize the selectmen to enter into a 4 year lease/purchase agreement for the purpose of leasing and outfitting a police 4x4 for the Ashland Police Department, and to raise and appropriate the sum of \$7,326 as the first year's lease payment. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee recommend this article.

Article 8:

Shall the Town of Ashland raise and appropriate as an operating budget not including appropriations by special warrant articles and other appropriations voted separately, the amount set forth on the budget posted with the warrant or as amended by vote of the first session, for the purposes set forth therein, totaling \$4,960,219? Should this article be defeated, the operating budget shall be \$4,979,201 which is the same as last year, with certain adjustments required by previous action of the Town of Ashland or by law; or the governing body may hold one special meeting, in accordance with RSA 40:13, X and XVI to take up the issue of a revised operating budget only. Recommended by the Budget Committee. (Majority Vote Required).

Article 9:

Are you in favor of changing the Ashland Fire Department's present first aid only ambulance service to a full transport service to facilitate conveying patients to the hospital? Non-Binding article.

Article 10:

To See if the Town Meeting will authorize the Board of Selectmen to contract, survey, engineer, and study the problems with regard to the need for dredging areas of Squam River that are making navigation hazardous and take action to alleviate those problems; and to coordinate the State and Federal resources, and the US Army Corps of Engineers to accomplish the intent of this Article and that the sum of \$10,000 be and hereby is appropriated for this purpose; and to authorize the Board of Selectmen to apply for whatever grants, State or Federal funds that may be available to accomplish the purpose of this Article or take any other actions that may be appropriate. PETITIONED ARTICLE. The Board of Selectmen recommend this article. The Budget Committee does not recommend this article. (Majority vote required)

Article 11:

To see if the Town will vote to accept the reports of its Boards, Commissioners, Committees and Officers for the year 2002 subject to corrections of errors when and if found. (Majority Vote Required).

Article 12:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the prepayment of property taxes and authorize the Tax Collector to accept such prepayment as provided by RSA 80:52-a. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 13:**Question 1:**

To see what action the town will take on the following proposed amendment to the town's zoning ordinance.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #1 to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board to clarify Article 3.5, the definition of a junkyard, and the remedies of violation? The amendment clarifies the definition of a junkyard and states the process for rectifying the violation. (Majority Vote Required)

Question 2:

To see what action the town will take on the following proposed amendment to the town's zoning ordinance.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #2 to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board to clarify Article 3.3? This amendment clarifies the procedure for non-residential signs and establishes an enforcement procedure. (Majority Vote Required)

Question 3:

To see what action the town will take on the following proposed amendment to the town's zoning ordinance.

Are you in favor of the adoption of Amendment #3 to the Ashland Zoning Ordinance as proposed by the planning board to clarify Articles 2.2f, 2.3c and 2.3 c(f). This amendment clarifies wording and defines the Little Squam and Squam River Overlay District. (Majority Vote Required)

Article 14:

Are you in favor of increasing the board of selectmen to 5 members? Recommended by the Board of Selectmen.

Article 15:

Shall we rescind the provisions of RSA 40:13 known as (SB 2) as adopted by the Town of Ashland on March 9, 1999, so that the Official Ballot will no longer be used for voting on all questions, but only for the election of officers and certain other questions for which the Official Ballot is required by State Law? Petitioned Article (3/5 vote required)

Article 16:

Whereas, New Hampshire residents pay the 12th highest cost for insurance in the country; and
Whereas, the cost of health insurance premiums for families has increased by 45% over the past three years; and

Whereas, 100,000 New Hampshire residents have no health coverage and 77% of them have a full-time worker at home; and

Whereas, due to these rising costs almost half of New Hampshire's small businesses cannot afford health coverage for their employees, therefore be it resolved

That we, the citizens of Ashland, New Hampshire call on our elected officials from all levels of government and those seeking office, to work with customers, businesses, and health care providers to ensure that:

- Everyone, including the self-employed, unemployed, un- and underinsured, and small business owners has access to an affordable basic health plan similar to what federal employees receive;
- Everyone, including employers, consumers, and the state, local and federal government makes a responsible and fair contribution to finance the health care system;
- Everyone receives high quality care that is cost efficient and medically effective; and
- That these help control the skyrocketing cost of healthcare.

Article 17:

To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Water-Sewer Commissioners to act as agents for the Town of Ashland to convey to the Town of New Hampton for \$1 (one dollar) by quitclaim deed, the Jackson Pond Dam, the Reservoir Dam, the eleven (11) acres of land from Jackson Pond Dam and certain rights of way over said land and certain rights of flowage and drainage bordering on Jackson Pond in the Town of New Hampton, including the former maintenance building at the Reservoir Dam, in "as is" condition, with no warranty. Should the Town of New Hampton decline, the Commissioners shall be agents authorized to convey the property to any other interested party on such terms and conditions as deemed appropriate to the Commissioners. All costs of conveying this real estate (e.g. title work, survey, closing expense) shall be paid by the purchaser.

If the Commissioners are not successful in finding a party to take the ownership of this property the Commissioners shall be authorized to seek from the State of New Hampshire permission to breach the Jackson Pond Dam.

Article 18:

To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

*Town of Ashland
Board of Selectmen*

Attest: A true copy.

Neale H. Bavis
Neale H. Bavis

James A. Cole
James A. Cole

Gerard R. Chouinard
Gerard R. Chouinard

DATED AND POSTED: 1/27/03

BUDGET OF THE TOWN/CITY

OF: ASHLAND, NH

BUDGET FORM FOR TOWNS WHICH HAVE ADOPTED THE PROVISIONS OF RSA 32:14 THROUGH 32:24

Appropriations and Estimates of Revenue for the Ensuing Year January 1, 2003 to December 31, 2003

or Fiscal Year From _____ to _____

IMPORTANT:

Please read RSA 32:5 applicable to all municipalities.

1. Use this form to list the entire budget in the appropriate recommended and not recommended area. This means the operating budget and all special and individual warrant articles must be posted.
2. Hold at least one public hearing on this budget.
3. When completed, a copy of the budget must be posted with the warrant. Another copy must be placed on file with the town clerk, and a copy sent to the Department of Revenue Administration at the address below.

This is to certify that this budget was posted with the warrant on the (date) 1/27/03

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Please sign in ink.

John J. Johnson
Mark H. Roane
Paul L. Russell
J. A. Stoddard
Douglas Ober
John D.

Pamela R. Ober
James J. McGuire
David J. Miller
110 Main Street
Henniker, New Hampshire

THIS BUDGET SHALL BE POSTED WITH THE TOWN WARRANT

FOR DRA USE ONLY

NH DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE ADMINISTRATION
 MUNICIPAL FINANCE BUREAU
 P.O. BOX 487, CONCORD, NH 03302-0487
 (603)271-3397

MS-7 Budget - Town/City of ASHLAND

ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3-V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year (RECOMMENDED)	SELECTMAN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS		
						RECOMMENDED	NOT RECOMMENDED	
	GENERAL GOVERNMENT		XXXXXX		XXXXXX		XXXXXX	
4130-4139	Executive		5135	3726	4542		3630	912
4140-4149	Election, Reg. & Vital Statistics		25025	26154	24701		24701	
4150-4151	Financial Administration		264922	221007	226791		200359	26432
4152	Revaluation of Property		56000	17823	62725		62725	
4153	Legal Expense		50000	17817	30000		25000	5000
4155-4159	Personnel Administration		1	2760	1		1	
4191-4193	Planning & Zoning		3250	2256	4745		4745	
4194	General Government Buildings		31081	18241	55403		55403	
4195	Cemeteries		500	500	400		400	
4196	Insurance		78035	56939	56600		56600	
4197	Advertising & Regional Assoc.		1770	1770	1770		1770	
4199	Other General Government		20000	3726	15000		15000	
	PUBLIC SAFETY		XXXXXX		XXXXXX		XXXXXX	
4210-4214	Police NOTE #1		398623	392027	430384	17719	448103	
4215-4219	Ambulance		26691	22691	25380		25380	
4220-4229	Fire		102639	95726	105879		105879	
4240-4249	Building Inspection		5685	7275	5710		5710	
4290-4298	Emergency Management		2000	0	3000		3000	
4299	Other (Including Communications)							
	AIRPORT/AVIATION CENTER		XXXXXX		XXXXXX		XXXXXX	
4301-4309	Airport Operations							
	HIGHWAYS & STREETS		XXXXXX		XXXXXX		XXXXXX	
4311	Administration		158654	134886	149156		149156	
4312	Highways & Streets		176260	171662	178086		178086	
4313	Bridges		350	600	600		600	

Budget - Town/City of		ASHLAND		FY 2003	
1	2	3	4	5	6
ACT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3-V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMAN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)
	CULTURE & RECREATION		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4520-4529	Parks & Recreation		131930	125595	210139
4550-4559	Library		40000	40000	209554
4583	Patriotic Purposes		5092	4900	585
4589	TOWN TRUSTEES Other Culture & Recreation		648	646	41000
	CONSERVATION		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4611-4612	Admin. & Purch. of Nat. Resources		600	600	4800
4619	Other Conservation				610
4631-4632	REDEVELOPMNT & HOUSING				
4651-4659	ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
	DEBT SERVICE		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4711	SEE NOTE #2 Pnc.-Long Term Bonds & Notes		1140504	1144323	161369
4721	Interest-Long Term Bonds & Notes		219574	197664	260204
4723	Int. on Tax Anticipation Notes		1	2562	1085
4790-4799	Other Debt Service			1	3863
	CAPITAL OUTLAY		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4901	Land		4191	4190	
4902	Machinery, Vehicles & Equipment		29165	28826	29828
4903	Buildings				
4909	Improvements Other Than Bldgs.				
	OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT		XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX	XXXXXXX
4912	To Special Revenue Fund				
4913	To Capital Projects Fund				
4914	To Enterprise Fund				
	Sewer-		258610	234521	270789
	Water-		147135	122259	165037

Budget - Town/City of ASHLANDFY 2003

ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3,V)	Warr. Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA	Actual Expenditures Prior Year		SELECTMEN'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED) (NOT RECOMMENDED)	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED) (NOT RECOMMENDED)	RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED
				5	6			
HIGHWAYS & STREETS cont.								
4316	Street Lighting		41402	32474	27400	14000	41400	
4319	Other Mechanic		49253	50923	51272	1999	53271	
SANITATION								
4321	Administration							
4323	Solid Waste Collection							
4324	Solid Waste Disposal		128761	132513	138269		138269	
4325	Solid Waste Clean-up							
4326-4329	Sewage Coll. & Disposal & Other							
WATER DISTRIBUTION & TREATMENT								
4331	Administration							
4332	Water Services							
4335-4339	Water Treatment, Conserv. & Other							
ELECTRIC								
4351-4352	Admin. and Generation							
4353	Purchase Costs							
4354	Electric Equipment Maintenance							
4359	Other Electric Costs							
HEALTH/WELFARE								
4411	Administration		1596	1470	1596		1596	
4414	Pest Control		3800	2425	3600		3600	
4415-4419	Health Agencies & Hosp. & Other							
4441-4442	Administration & Direct Assist.		18431	20201	18431		16431	
4444	Intergovernmental Welfare Pymnts							
4445-4449	Vendor Payments & Other		19858	19524	20651		20651	

ACCT.#	PURPOSE OF APPROPRIATIONS (RSA 32:3, V)	Warr.	Art.#	Appropriations Prior Year As Approved by DRA		Actual Expenditures Prior Year	SELECTMENTS APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (RECOMMENDED)		BUDGET COMMITTEE'S APPROPRIATIONS Ensuing Fiscal Year (NOT RECOMMENDED)		RECOMMENDED NOT RECOMMENDED
				XXXXXX	XXXXXX		XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	XXXXXX	
OPERATING TRANSFERS OUT cont.											
	Electric-			2358013		1864760	2161176			2161176	
	Airport-										
4915	To Capital Reserve Fund				66312	52670					
4916	To Exp.Tr.Fund-except #4917				7300	7300					
4917	To Health Maint. Trust Funds										
4918	To Nonexpendable Trust Funds										
4919	To Agency Funds										
SUBTOTAL 1				6078797	5291932	49447778	34718	4944619	378877		

If you have a line item of appropriations from more than one warrant article, please use the space below to identify the make-up of the line item.

NOTE#1: PUBLIC HEARING ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT MONEY'S - 8/15/02

NOTE#2: PUBLIC HEARING ACCEPTANCE OF INSURANCE SETTLEMENT NONEYS_ 8/15/02

ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	2	3	4	5	6
		Warr. Art.#	Estimated Revenues Prior Year	Actual Revenues Prior Year	Estimated Revenues Ensuing Year	
	TAXES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
3120	Land Use Change Taxes					
3180	Resident Taxes					
3185	Timber Taxes		1500	3981	2500	
3186	Payment In Lieu of Taxes		41000	29657	41000	
3189	Other Taxes					
3190	Interest & Penalties on Delinquent Taxes		40000	60366	45000	
	Inventory Penalties					
3187	Excavation Tax (\$.02 cents per cu yd)		4700	32	4700	
	LICENSES, PERMITS & FEES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
3210	Business Licenses & Permits		2150	4734	2550	
3220	Motor Vehicle Permit Fees		218500	253809	218500	
3230	Building Permits		6500	9470	6685	
3290	Other Licenses, Permits & Fees		2370	2452	2400	
3311-3319	FROM FEDERAL GOVERNMENT					
	FROM STATE		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
3351	Shared Revenues		34522	69044	34000	
3352	Meals & Rooms Tax Distribution		38000	56210	38000	
3353	Highway Block Grant		42846	42616	44409	
3354	Water Pollution Grant		72980	84062	40000	
3355	Housing & Community Development					
3356	State & Federal Forest Land Reimbursement		100	104	100	
3357	Flood Control Reimbursement					
3359	LANDFILL CLOSURE Other (Including Railroad Tax)		25335	25586		
3379	FROM OTHER GOVERNMENTS		500	3017	600	
	CHARGES FOR SERVICES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
3401-3406	Income from Departments		71048	59638	96500	
3409	Other Charges		45000	Ø	Ø	
	MISCELLANEOUS REVENUES		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
3501	Sale of Municipal Property			427	2000	
3502	Interest on Investments		20000	9077	10000	
3503-3509	Other		40800	611760	43700	
	INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	
3912	From Special Revenue Funds					
3913	From Capital Projects Funds					

1	2	3	4	5	6
ACCT.#	SOURCE OF REVENUE	Warr.	Estimated Revenues	Actual Revenues	Estimated Revenues
INTERFUND OPERATING TRANSFERS IN cont.					
3914	From Enterprise Funds		XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	Sewer - (Offset)		258610	350406	270789
	Water - (Offset)		147135	171393	165037
	Electric - (Offset)		2358013	1699324	2161176
	Airport - (Offset)				
3915	From Capital Reserve Funds				
3916	From Trust & Agency Funds				
OTHER FINANCING SOURCES					
3934	Proc. from Long Term Bonds & Notes	2	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX	XXXXXXXXXX
	Amounts VOTED From F/B ("Surplus")			300000	
	Fund Balance ("Surplus") to Reduce Taxes			200000	
	TOTAL ESTIMATED REVENUE & CREDITS		3471609	4047165	3629645

****BUDGET SUMMARY****

	PRIOR YEAR ADOPTED BUDGET	SELECTMEN'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET	BUDGET COMMITTEE'S RECOMMENDED BUDGET
SUBTOTAL 1 Appropriations Recommended (from pg. 5)	6078797	4947778	4944619
SUBTOTAL 2 Special Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)	45000	419000	409000
SUBTOTAL 3 "Individual" Warrant Articles Recommended (from pg. 6)		110657	110657
TOTAL Appropriations Recommended	6123797	5477435	5464276
Less: Amount of Estimated Revenues & Credits (from above)	3471609	3629646	3629646
Estimated Amount of Taxes to be Raised	2652188	1847789	1834630

Maximum Allowable Increase to Budget Committee's Recommended Budget per RSA 32:18: 5,551,223
(See Supplemental Schedule With 10% Calculation)

BUDGET COMMITTEE SUPPLEMENTAL SCHEDULE

(For Calculating 10% Maximum Increase)
(RSA 32:18, 19, & 32:21)

VERSION #2: Use if you have Collective Bargaining Cost Items

LOCAL GOVERNMENTAL UNIT: ASHLAND FISCAL YEAR END 2003

Col. A

	RECOMMENDED AMOUNT
1. Total RECOMMENDED by Budget Committee (see budget MS7, 27, or 37)	5464276
LESS EXCLUSIONS:	
2. Principal: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	260204
3. Interest: Long-Term Bonds & Notes	157506
4. Capital Outlays Funded From Long-Term Bonds & Notes per RSA 33:8 & 33:7-b	
5. Mandatory Assessments	
6. TOTAL EXCLUSIONS (Sum of rows 2-5)	< 417710 >
7. Amount recommended less recommended exclusion amounts (Line 1 less Line 6)	5046566
8. Line 7 times 10%	504657
9. Maximum allowable appropriation prior to vote (Line 1 + 8)	5551223
10. Collective Bargaining Cost Items, RSA 32:19 & 273-A:1, IV. (Complete Col. A prior to meeting & Col. B and Col. C at meeting)	

Col. C

Col. B

(Col. B-A)

	Cost items recommended	Cost items voted	Amt. voted above recommended
	9679	9679	0

MAXIMUM ALLOWABLE APPROPRIATIONS VOTED
At meeting, add Line 9 + Column C.

\$ 5551,223

Anne Abear 2/3/03

Line 8 plus any not recommended collective bargaining cost items or increases to cost items voted is the maximum allowable increase to budget committee's recommended budget. Please enter this amount on the bottom of the posted budget form, MS7, 27, or 37.

Please attach a copy of this completed supplemental schedule to the back of the budget form.

DATES TO REMEMBER 2003

1-Jan	FISCAL YEAR BEGINS
1-Feb	DELIBERATIVE SESSION OF 2003 TOWN MEETING 1 PM - ASHLAND SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
6 Feb	DELIBERATIVE SESSION OF PEMI BAKER SCHOOL DISTRICT 6:30 PM - PLYMOUTH REGIONAL HIGH SCHOOL
6-Mar	ASHLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT MEETING 7 PM - ASHLAND SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
11-Mar	SB2 OFFICIAL BALLOTING AND TOWN/SCHOOL ELECTIONS 9AM - 7PM - ASHLAND SCHOOL GYMNASIUM
1-Apr	ALL REAL PROPERTY ASSESSED TO OWNER
15-Apr	LAST DAY FOR RELIGIOUS, EDUCATIONAL AND CHARITABLE ORGANIZATIONS TO FILE ANNUAL LIST OF ALL EXEMPT PROPERTY WITH ASSESSING OFFICIALS. REFUSAL TO FILE MAY BE GROUNDS FOR DENIAL
15-Apr	LAST DAY TO FILE "REPORT OF CUT" FOR 2001-02 YEAR
15-Apr	LAST DAY TO FILE CURRENT USE APPLICATION FOR 2003 YEAR
30-Apr	2002 DOG LICENSES EXPIRE - RENEW WITH TOWN CLERK
1-Jul	PROPERTY TAX - FIRST ISSUE DUE
1-Aug	DEADLINE FOR ELDERLY EXEMPTION APPLICATION
1-Dec	PROPERTY TAX - SECOND ISSUE DUE

BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEETING SCHEDULES

*SUBJECT TO CHANGE WITH NOTICE

BOARD OF SELECTMEN	FIRST/THIRD MONDAY OF THE MONTH 7PM - ASHLAND SCHOOL CAFETERIA
PLANNING BOARD	FIRST/THIRD WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 7PM - ASHLAND SCHOOL CAFETERIA CALL 968-4432 FOR INFORMATION
BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT	MEETINGS SCHEDULED AS NEEDED POSTED IN POST OFFICE AND TOWN OFFICE
CONSERVATION COMMISSION	FIRST WEDNESDAY OF THE MONTH 7PM - ASHLAND TOWN HALL
HOUSING STANDARDS BOARD	CALLED AS NEEDED POSTED IN POST OFFICE AND TOWN OFFICE
BUDGET COMMITTEE	CALLED AS NEEDED POSTED IN POST OFFICE AND TOWN OFFICE
ELECTRIC COMMISSIONERS	FIRST AND THIRD THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 10AM - UTILITY OFFICE
WATER/SEWER COMMISSIONERS	SECOND AND FOURTH THURSDAY OF THE MONTH 9AM - UTILITY OFFICE